

Belleville's council OKs new fence law

By WES THORP
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BELLEVILLE — The Belleville City Council passed a fence ordinance last night which would permit city homeowners to construct an ornamental fence in their front yard.

Other sections in the ordinance provide for

the securing of a permit to either construct, repair or relocate a fence; for materials out of which the fence can be constructed and for the height of fences permitted.

The main difference from the previous fence regulation, according to Mayor Royce E. Smith, is the provision allowing the construction of ornamental fences.

Under the previous regulation, which was included in the zoning ordinance, fences along the front house line were not permitted.

However, the new ordinance states that ornamental fences can be erected between the front house line and the front property line and that they should not exceed 3 feet in height and have not less than 85 per cent openings. It states that hedges shall be considered in this class.

An ornamental fence, according to the ordinance, is one which is designed in such a manner and of such materials that it is erected for purposes other than the practical one of preventing persons and domestic animals from crawling or passing through the fence.

To either build or repair a fence, the new ordinance states, a permit must first be secured. On a permit application, the property owner is required to state the location of the fence plus, the type of posts to be used in construction.

Along with the application, also included should be a certified copy of a survey made by a registered surveyor locating the fence line or an agreement in writing signed by the adjacent owners, stating that they have mutually agreed upon the line.

For partition fences, those which separate parcels of property, the ordinance states that posts be made of either 1½" iron pipe, wood posts 4 inches in diameter or reinforced concrete posts 4 inches across.

The height for partition fences is not supposed to exceed 4½ feet.

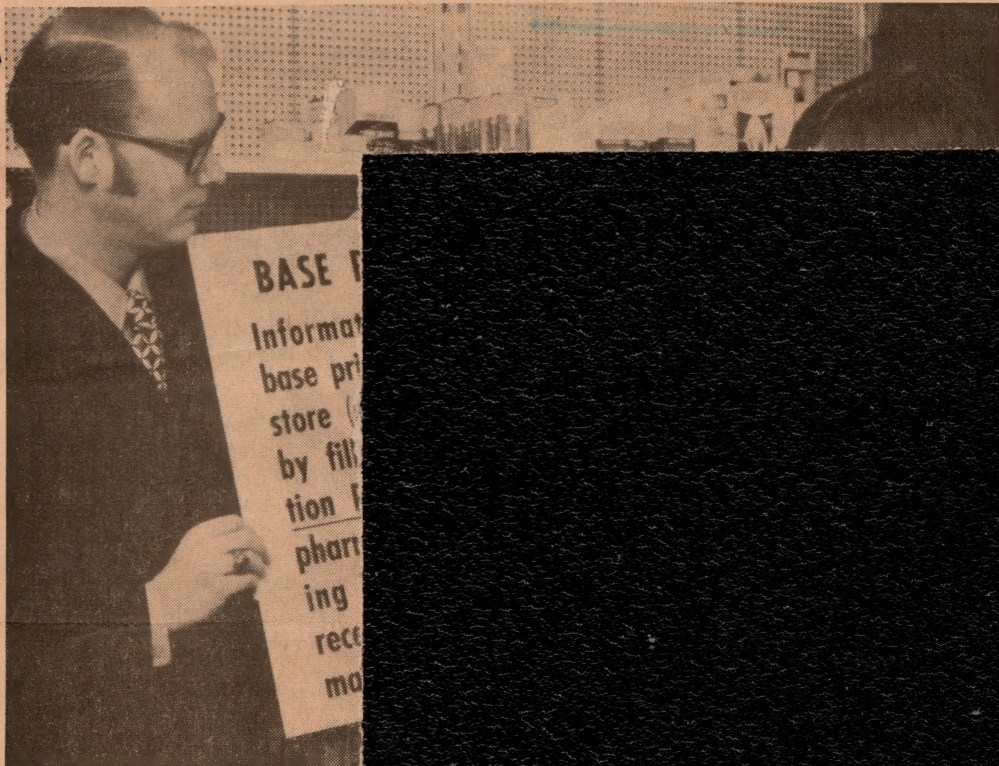
Prohibited under the ordinance are fences with sharp projection or those made out of barbed wire.

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There seems to be some confusion among
local merchants about a new federal regulation
requiring the posting of the base price for
their top selling products.

The regulation from the Federal Trade Commission requires merchants to display base
prices for their top 40 products. If a merchant's
annual sales volume is more than \$100,000,
the prices have to be posted for 100 days
in each department.

Base price (base prices are posted during
during Phase One) posting is part of the
Two regulations of the wage and hour act,
which has been in force since 1937, are
year.

Of the several local merchants who were asked
about their compliance with the new regulation,
only a few were familiar with the exact
requirements, while

Belleville council doubts figures on library use

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BELLEVILLE — Residents of the city of Belleville took an estimated 9,721 books out of the Fred C. Fisher Library last year at a cost of approximately 84 cents per book to the city.

These figures were the subject of 90 minutes of verbal jousting among the five-man City Council and a representative of the Wayne County Federated Library System.

For the past several weeks, members of the council have expressed doubts about the number of books which were taken out by city residents.

Leo T. Dinnan, director of the library system, explained

to the council that the Belleville circulation figures were based on a 3-week sample period, one in the spring, summer and fall.

During these three weeks, he said, a survey was taken of the geographic location of each of the library's users. From this sample, the use of each area is determined and costs are apportioned on those figures.

Local costs for the 20,000-volume library are shared by Sumpter and Van Buren Townships in addition to Belleville.

After hearing about the 3-week count, Councilman Ellis Amerman said, "We aren't going to spend any more money on a 3-week guess."

Also expressing doubts about the sample, Mayor Royce E. Smith added, "I just can't believe that the city of Belleville with 2,424 people takes out 9,721 books."

The council then asked why it couldn't hire somebody to count the library slips for the last year to determine how many users were city residents.

The only way the city would be allowed to make the audit, Dinnan said, would be to abide by certain ground rules, one of which included the noting of circulation in other areas and another of which would be to not publicize the contents of records.

The exchanges went back and forth several times before City Attorney Ward Smith said, "All we want to know is if the 9,721 count is accurate. All we're trying to do is satisfy ourselves."

Amerman said the circulation slips were a matter of public record and "if we have to, we will get a court order to look at them."

Dinnan agreed to take a poll of the library board to see if it would permit the city to take an independent audit. The county library system operates libraries in 56 different communities in three counties. It supplies the libraries with books and trained personnel.

Before leaving, Dinnan said, "There aren't many cities the size of Belleville that has such a library. Eight thousand dollars for a facility of this kind is economical. It is less than the cost of one trained librarian."

they were worded the way Roberts had suggested.

Of the 22.22 operational mills, 6 expired with the December tax collection.

Barber said the 8 mills is necessary if the schools are to continue at their present standards, and the 10.3 mills are necessary if the schools are to return to the board's educational standards reached in 1969-70.

The last day for voter registration for the February election is Jan. 28.

Council approves in downtown parki

Final approval of an ordinance raising parking meter rates downtown was given unanimously by city council during last night's regular session.

Peter Caputo, city manager, said this morning it could be two to three months before the hike takes effect. He said

about 30 meters are involved, some of which can be converted. Some new meters will have to be purchased, Caputo said, but he is not sure of the price of the meters or how many will have to be bought.

The ordinance increases off-street parking meters in the central business districts to 10 cents an hour and to 50 cents for 10 hours. For on-street meters rates will remain at 10 cents an hour and 1 cent for 6 minutes.

The ordinance affects only the downtown area, leaving meters in "Depot Town" and the Eastern Michigan University campus area the same.

First reading of the ordinance was approved last month, but the council tabled



Casualties

Dead automobile batteries at Ypsilanti service stations today proved too much for them. Although more cold is due at the end of the week, it should extend through next week.

Belleville Lake

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The Detroit Edison Co. will be asked by the board to donate Belleville Lake to the Van Buren Township Board for recreational uses.

Referring to the Van Buren board's request last week for transfer of the title of the lake from the firm to the township, Owen said the 6-mile-long lake could be made a good recreation center just as Ford Lake is being developed by Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township.

The board agreed to send a letter to the Detroit Edison

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Belvil Hospital is planning \$1.2 million expansion work

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BELLEVILLE — To upgrade its auxiliary services, the Belvil Community Hospital Association is examining a possible \$1.2 million expansion for its hospital at 105 Main St., Belleville.

William E. Hinchey said the expansion could begin this year and would include expansion of laboratory and x-ray services, kitchen facilities and the emergency room.

He said the hospital association has been discussing the expansion for several months, and that it has recently developed a master plan for hospital expansion.

Such an expansion would satisfy what the State Health Department has classified as deficiencies in the hospital, according to Hinchey. The state several months ago threatened to not renew the hospital's license if progress wasn't made to correct the situation.

Leading future expansion will be Alton P. Shirley, who was recently re-elected president of the association. Shirley is a Belleville attorney

and lives at 845 Canton Center Rd.

Elected vice president is G. E. Gollwitzer, Van Buren Township supervisor, and re-elected treasurer was Olin K. Wyman of 13020 Edgedal Dr., a retired National Bank of Detroit vice president.

The Rev. Allen B. Rice was elected secretary. Mr. Rice, who works for the Council on Alcohol Problems in Lansing, has a home at 7222 Denton Rd.

Newly elected directors are R. Lynne Hamilton of 43009

Huron River Dr. and Orlo G. Roberts of 351 High St.

Elected to serve the unexpired term of Floyd R. Griffith, who resigned for business reasons, was Thomas J. Warner of 70 Bedell St. Re-elected to the hospital board were Shirley and Rice.

IRS says fifth grader can

By JULES LOH

OLD TAPPAN, N.J. (AP) —The news from Washington was especially welcome.

The Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, Johnnie M. Walters, on Wednesday announced: "The instructions and the illustrated examples in the tax booklet make filling out a return simple."

Many years ago I learned to take that annual declaration with a grain of aspirin. Then he added:

"Your daughter in the fifth grade can fill it out this year."

No kidding?

Behold, I am the parent of a certified, \$675 deductible daughter who is in, not the fifth, but the seventh grade. A graduate tax expert!

"Maureen," I said, dragging her away from the TV and unplugging the record player, "put down your guitar and

"Sure, dad. Anyhow, this couple, well this is her second husband and she's his third wife and even though they got married they never ..."

"I'm concerned about uncle Charley," I interrupted. "He can't see well enough to find the employment agency but it says here, on page 5, that I can't claim him as a dependent unless 'central visual acuity did not exceed 20-200 in the better

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Council to study contract

Ambulance firm seeks agreement

BELLEVILLE — The Belleville City Council last night agreed to work out an agreement with the Superior Ambulance Co. to pay for fees from unpaid ambulance calls in the city.

Harry Hayden of Superior told the council that his company had three unpaid ambulance bills for Belleville for last year which were a result a calls from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

Under a current agreement, he said, the Sheriff's Department has a g r e e d to pay for any uncollectible ambulance fees in unincorporated areas.

There are, however, no provisions for payments of unpaid bills in incorporated areas such as Belleville. Last year, he said, the three unpaid bills in the city totaled \$129.

The council agreed to discuss a proposed agreement which would be submitted by the ambulance c o m p a n y, which is headquartered in Southgate and also serves Washtenaw County.

In other business, the council agreed to study a proposed amendment to its contract with the W a y n e County Board of Public Works for sewage treatment.

Director G e o r g e R. Bingham, told the council the amendment would s p e c i f y that the city would agree to help pay for necessary projects to bring its sewage treatment plant up to state and federal standards.

At the present time, he said, the board is planning the construction of s e c o n d a r y treatment facilities at its d o w n r i v e r plant and a s s u r a n c e s from the municipalities involved that they would pay are needed to obtain financing.

More than 2,400 were injured.

The damage was more than \$500 million. Included were 850 homes, 65 apartment buildings and 574 commercial-industrial structures so severely smashed they were vacated.



Crowds of shoppers wait for the new Meijer Thrifty Acres at 10000 Worth Rd. just east of Cambridge.



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Belleville approves pensions

BELLEVILLE — The Belleville City Council met in a short session last night to approve payment of the city's bills and to act on a handful of other items.

It also aproved the 1968 National Electric Code for the city and a pension plan for the city's 11 employes.

Mayor Royce E. Smith said an executive session was held to discuss appointment of a new treasurer to fill the vacancy created by the recent resignation of long-time treasurer Cora Bradshaw.

Smith said he expects the council to appoint a replacement early in March to fill the unexpired portion of Mrs. Bradshaw's term. A treasurer will be selected by voters in the fall of 1973.

would serve as a first step in the redevelopment of a healthy concept of public education.

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the same choices that we are able to make.

Would it be possible for you to tell a child you don't think he holds as much value to you as, let's say, a new stereo tape deck in your car? If you can say that then I feel our children are facing a real problem.

Let's not take out the tax reform excuse on our children. Rather, let's give them a quality program and continue efforts for tax reform.

Please don't make the kids pay for our mistakes. Vote "yes" on both proposals Feb. 28.

Vaughn E. Filsinger
Mary J. Filsinger

FRI FEB 25 1972

Board to be elected

C-C results not available

BELLEVILLE —Results of the election of six new members to the Board of Directors of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce should be available next week.

Theodore F. Kuckelman, manager of the Belleville C-C office, said members are selecting 6 from a slate of 12 candidates. The deadline for mailing ballots is Wednesday.

Candidates for the board are John Barber, Robert Beck, John Holowicki, Edward Kapelanski, Dale Kaulitz, Wilburn Keller, Thomas Matulerwicz, Darreyl Raymond, Jr., Harold Roberts, Howard Stinehour, Jame Visingardi and Richard Woods.

The governing board of the 150-member organization has 12 members serving 3-year terms. Usually four are selected each year, but six are being elected this year because of two resignations.

After the board is elected, it will select officers for the coming year. The new board members and officers will be installed at the chamber's annual dinner on April 27.

Incumbent officers are Lynne Hamilton, president; Robert Brown, first vice president; Robert Tontalo, second vice president; Mary Boyd, secretary, and Kurt Atchinson, treasurer.

China

PEKING (AP) — Premier China "will work unswervingly for peace with the United States."

At a dinner in his honor, to a toast from President Nixon began the long process of removing the barriers between the two peoples.

The toasts seemed more like a banquet for the Nixons on Monday that "the gates to friendship are open." Nixon said the two peoples can find common ground from which we can build a new world.

Nixon gave a nine-course luncheon to his associates in the Great Hall of the People, where he had entertained the president of the United States' first day in China.



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By JEAN FANNIN
Of The Press Staff

With the designation today

Belleville

The Belleville Police Department, under the direction of Chief Irwin W. Stech, has eight patrolmen who operate three patrol vehicles.

The police station is manned from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the weekdays with radio calls relayed at night and on weekends by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. The department, however, does maintain a 24-hour patrol of the city.

Persons arrested by the Belleville police are taken to either the Wayne County Road Patrol lock-up on Henry Ruff Rd. or the county jail in Detroit.

with Social and Learning Difficulties, Mrs. Samuel Fine, Ann Arbor, Professionals and parents are members.

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Interested in political activity and study of current issues? Here are some ideas for you:

The League of Women Voters, Mrs. George Sanzi.

The Republican Women's Club, Mrs. Henry Sladek or Miss Inez Graves.

Senior citizens have organizations in most communities. Most have

Belleville

Operating with two pumpers, the volunteer Belleville Fire Department is under the direction of Chief Anthony Talaga. They occupy a fire station at 6 Main St.

The 15 volunteers of the department are alerted through a telephone system which rings their individual telephones and gives them the location of the fire. The department does not operate a rescue truck, but relies on commercial ambulance service.



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ROYCE E. SMITH

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City is led by five

BELLEVILLE — City government in Belleville is guided by five men — four city councilmen and the mayor.

The five are elected in the fall of every odd year, with the next election in November 1973.

Leading Belleville government is Mayor Royce E. Smith. Smith, an oil distributor has the direct responsibility of administering city affairs.

He fulfills the same functions which are performed in many other cities by a city manager.

The four city council members are Nelson J. Boone, Ellis A m e r m a n, Royce E. Smith, Kenneth Palmer, and T h o m a s Hamblin.

The council meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 6 Main St., Belleville.

The 1970 census shows the city had 2,406 people. The city is located just south of Interstate 94 and Belleville Lake and is surrounded on all sides by Van Buren Township.

Saline pr

said, "We don't mind at all, sir."

That seems to be the attitude in Saline. People are proud of the town and don't mind that outsiders consider the town small.

According to the 1970 census, there are 4,811 persons in the city, Saline officials say the figure is closer to 5,000 now.

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The Belleville Public Library, 167 Fourth St., services residents of Belleville and Wayne County. More than 20,000 volumes are available at the library, which is very "homey" because of the atmosphere created by two fireplaces.

Library hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday. The library

is closed on Friday and Sunday.

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law enforcement; criminal
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In Washtenaw County
the executive and
legislative aspects of
county government are
discharged to an elected
Board of Commissioners.
The current board is com-
posed of 13 members
representing 13 county
districts. However, the
number may change
following redistricting
the county's Apportionment

Census statistics released

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Belleville 'picture' printed

By WES THORP
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BELLEVILLE — The U.S. Census Bureau spent April 1, 1970 taking "pictures" of the country. These included shots of Belleville and Van Buren, Sumpter and Canton Township.

Almost two years later, the film has been developed and the "prints" released, showing some interesting facts about these four areas.

Thumbing through the "prints" one sees how many families each area has, the average family size, the marital status of each individual and how old they are.

In addition, it shows each and every house and how many are occupied by renters and how many by owners. It also tells how the median value of each house and the median rent and how many of these houses lack complete kitchen and plumbing facilities.

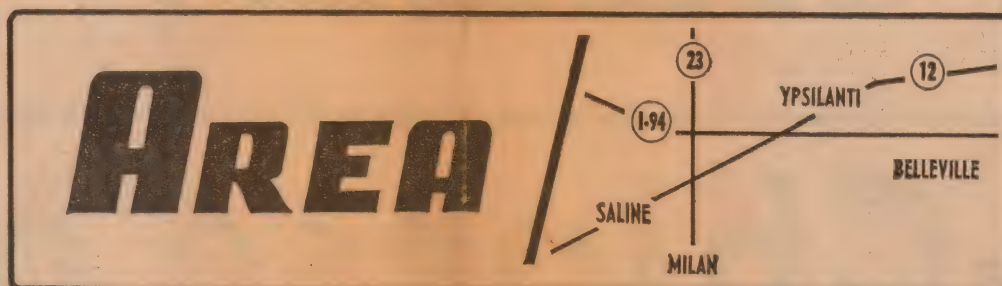
Starting with Belleville — it has 2,406 people with 666 families, of which 604 are composed of husband and wife, 14 with just a male head and 48 with a female head.

Average family size in Belleville is 3.27 people. The number of non-whites in the city was so small that the census did not list them.

Sumpter Township has 8,091 people with 19.9 per cent non-white. It has 1,983 families, of which 1,791 have both a husband and wife, 62 with just a male head and 130 with just a female head.

The average family size in Sumpter Township is 3.89 members; with the average in white families being 3.88 and 3.94 is non-white.

Van Buren Township showed a population of 13,162 with 3,306 families, of which 3,051 had a husband and wife, 82 had just a male head and 173 had just a female head.



Average family size in Van Buren was recorded as 3.84 members, with 3.84 in the average white family and 4.89 in non-white families. The non-white population composed .6 per cent of the total.

Canton Township had 11,026 people with .9 per cent being non-white. It was 2,910 families with 2,720 having both a husband and wife, while there were 42 with a male head and 148 with a female head.

In Canton, the average family size was 3.55 members, with 3.54 in white families and 4.75 in non-white families.

In the city of Belleville, there were almost as many men as women, with the males having 1,171 and females 1,235. However, Sumpter Township records only 3,937 females and 4,154 males. Van Buren Township has 6,665 males and 6,507 females, while in Canton

Township there were 5,455 males and 5,571 females.

Median age in Belleville is 27.2; 22.5 in Sumpter, 23.8 in Van Buren and 24.5 in Canton.

The median indicates that one-half are above the median figure and one-half below.

Married people in Belleville comprise 67.5 per cent of the population over 14 years old; 68.4 in Sumpter; 68.3 in Van Buren and 71.7 in Canton.

Seven per cent are widowed in Belleville; 4.7 per cent in Sumpter, 4.0 per cent in Van Buren and 5.7 in Canton.

The picture on housing shows that Belleville has 844 housing units, of which 485 are owner occupied and 345 are renter occupied. Sumpter Township has 2,279 housing units with 1,814 being owner occupied and 359 renter occupied.

In Van Buren Township, it

shows 3,665 housing units with 2,984 occupied by owners and 606 by renters, while Canton showed 3,339 housing units of which 2,690 were owner occupied and 571 renter occupied. The census also shows that 2,060 were single family structures in Canton, 373 were multiple family and 906 mobile homes.

Median value of each owner occupied housing unit in Belleville was listed at \$19,197, compared to Sumpter's \$17,321, Van Buren's \$21,061 and Canton's \$26,168.

Median rent was the lowest in Sumpter Township where it is \$93 per month, while it is \$127 in Van Buren and \$135 in Belleville and \$143 in Canton.

Of the housing units in Sumpter Township, 3.2 per cent were shown as lacking complete kitchen facilities, compared to .6 per cent in Van Buren, .2 per cent in Belleville and .6 per cent in Canton.

Complete plumbing facilities were missing from 7.1 per cent of the units in Sumpter while only 2 per cent from Van Buren, .8 per cent from Belleville and 1.8 per cent in Canton.

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U.S.-Chinese pact assailed in Taiwan

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) —President Nixon returned to American soil today after a historic week in China during which he pledged to withdraw all U.S. forces from Taiwan some day and agreed with the Chinese to develop bilateral trade, exchange programs and contacts between the two governments short of formal diplomatic relations.

As expected, there was no change in the two governments' opposing positions on

The Spirit of '76 landed the President and Mrs. Nixon at Anchorage's Elmendorf Air Force Base at 12:04 a.m.—5:04 a.m. EST. The presidential party was to rest for nine hours in Anchorage and will arrive in Washington tonight.

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Nixon and Chou summed up their talks and separate discussions by Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Foreign minister Chi Peng-Fei

briefing by presidential adviser Henry Kissinger and Marshall Green, the assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Taiwan, Indochina, Japan and Korea; (2) expressed mutual adherence to certain general principles of international conduct; and (3) announced agreement to expand relations in various fields "to broaden the understanding between the two peoples."

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Chinese people should be allowed without outside interference. negotiated settlement on the Vietnamese proposal of Jan. resignation of President Nguyen month before balloting.

Viet Cong's seven-point proposals, withdrawal of U.S. forces and the as elaborated by the Viet Cong

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Belleville C-C headed by active 83-year-old

By WES THORP
Of The Press Staff

BELLEVILLE — Ted Kuckelman just likes to work. That's how he explains why at the age of almost 84 years he still works every day and participates in 14 different organizations.

His main work is executive director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce which represents more than 150 businesses in the rapidly-expanding area.

What keeps a man like this going, a man who took his first full-time job in 1912 when

William H. Taft was president?

"I just like to work. I like to be busy, and I feel there's still a job for me to do," he answers.

"Wouldn't it be silly for a guy with my health (who still has his own teeth and never has had an operation) to spend his time sitting on a porch, smoking a pipe?"

"And besides, never in my life did I get in trouble when I was working."

His Chamber of Commerce work goes back to 1955 when he retired from the Pure Oil Co. after 24 years as a

salesman. He stayed retired for exactly 21 days and then became director of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

After building up the Wayne C-C, he joined the Nankin Chamber and built it to represent just about all the businessmen in the area.

After he accomplished that, Kuckelman moved to the Belleville C-C where he's been ever since.

"You know I'm pretty optimistic about the future of the greater Belleville area. It has some kinks in it now, but I feel we can work them out," he said.

"It (the Belleville-Van Buren area) is in the path of progress. Driving out of Detroit, it is the first place you hit with any kind of possibilities."

A personal project of his is the building of a facility where young people can come for recreation.

"The greatest need in the Belleville area today is something for youths to do and a place for them to go," he said.

In his spare time, Kuckelman works on a variety of organizations, ranging from the Rotary, of which he has been a past international officer, to the Easter Seal Society of western Wayne County.

Any organization which will help make his community a better place to live is the subject of his interest and enthusiasm. These include the Boy Scouts, the Parish Council at St. Anthony's Catholic Church and the Catholic Youth Organization.

"There are a lot of good men and women 65-70 years old who are in good shape. There's no reason for them to get bored. They should become interested in community or social work," he said.

When asked if he plans on retiring again, Kuckelman breaks into a smile which seems to say, "Are you kidding?"



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BELLEVILLE — The Belleville City Council is expected to name a replacement tonight for Mrs. Cora E. Bradshaw who announced her retirement as city treasurer early last month.

Mrs. Bradshaw, who has been city treasurer for more than 20 years, announced that she will resign effective March 31.

Mayor Royce E. Smith said

that applications from several people have been considered and that the council should be ready to name a replacement tonight.

The replacement would hold the treasurer's position until city elections in 1973 when a new city council is also elected.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Belleville City Hall, 6 Main St.

Delhey said the 9C plan meets the test of standards as proposed by state statute. The commissioners will

meet this afternoon at 4 p.m. to receive meets and bounds description of the adopted apportionment plan.



Treasurer named

BELLEVILLE — Mrs. Helen White of 71 Bedell St. was appointed city treasurer last night by the Belleville City Council to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Cora Bradshaw.

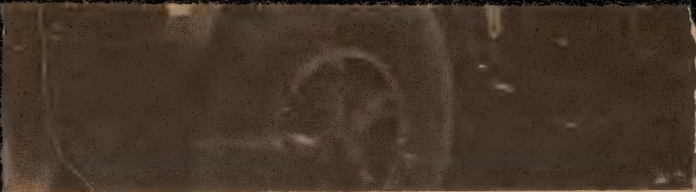
Mrs. Bradshaw recently announced her resignation, which will be effective on March 31 after more than 20 years as city treasurer.

In 1950, Mrs. White was appointed city treasurer to fill a vacancy left by Henry Deering when he moved out of the city. She served until 1952.

At the present time, she is a secretary for the Belleville Methodist Church. She is a widow and has one son, James.

Mrs. White has also been active in the Belleville Business and Professional Women where she has been a past president and a district secretary.

The city treasurer's term expires in November, 1973.



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By Belleville City Council

Two charter amendments are proposed

BELLEVILLE — Two amendments to the Belleville city charter will face voters on May 16. One is to make the city treasurer's office appointive and the other is to raise the limit for city purchases which can be made without taking bids.

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The first amendment to the 1946 charter would make the city treasurer's post appointive rather than elective.

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He is paid from a percentage of the fees which he collects.

Under the charter amendment, the council would ap-

point the treasurer and set his salary.

The second proposed amendment would raise the

maximum amount of purchases made by the city without taking bids from \$500 to \$2,500. Included in the amendment would be a clause which would allow the \$2,500 maximum to be increased during a time of emergency where it is decided there is a danger to life and property.

In other business, the council also passed an amendment to the city's zoning ordinance which would require applicants to build a car wash to get written approval of 75 per cent of residents within 400 feet of the proposed facility.

The council also gave formal approval to participation by the city in a pension plan for the city's 11 employees.



Brad Johnson, 18, arrested during last night's City Council session for stopping on street (background) passed out while driving. Richard B. Johnson, 1086

—PRESS PHOTO

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In other business, the council also passed an amendment to the city's zoning ordinance which would require applicants to build a car wash to get written approval of 75 per cent of residents within 400 feet of the proposed facility.

The council also gave formal approval to participation by the city in a pension plan for the city's 11 employees.



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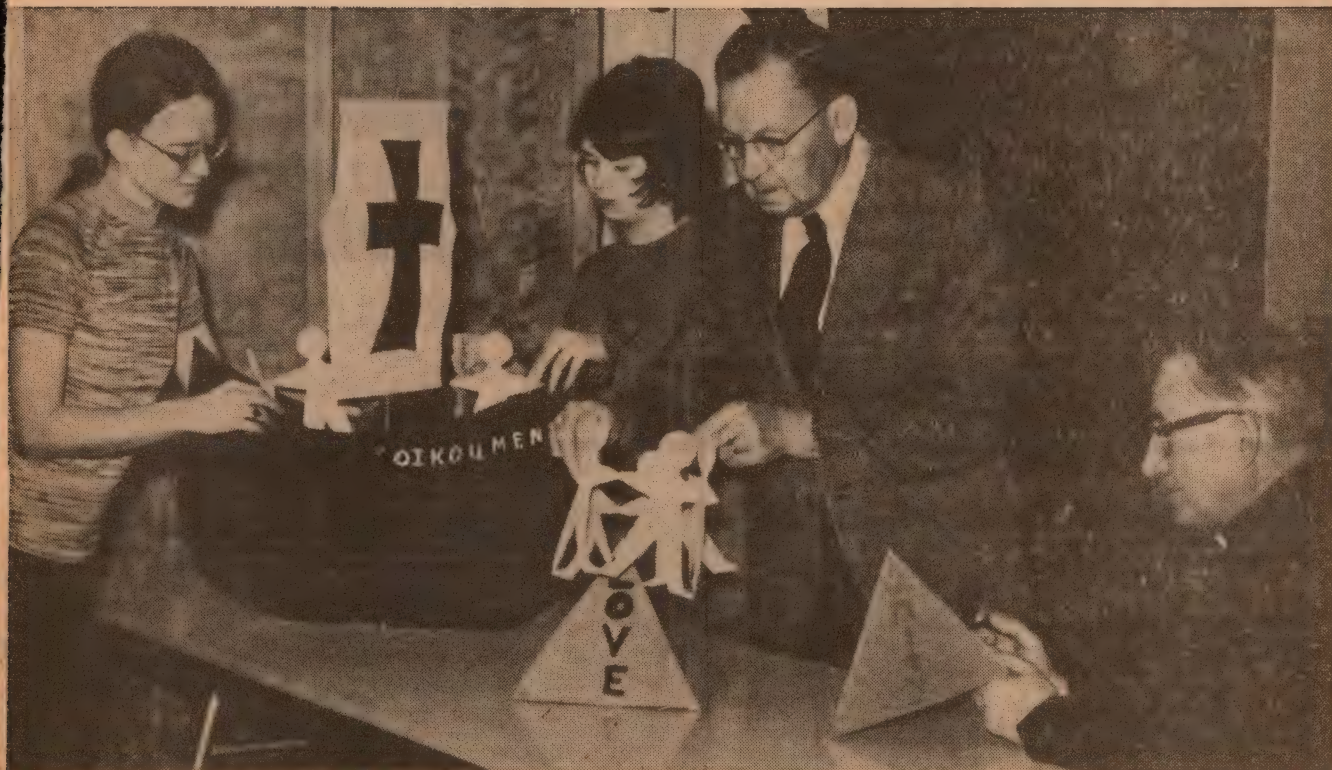
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Ecumenical dinner

The Belleville Ecumenical Council will sponsor a potluck supper at Fr. Folta Hall at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia in Belleville, at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow. The dinner will conclude three weeks of study of the beliefs of various churches. Adding finishing touches to the decora-

tions for the dinner are Mrs. Marry Herring of St. Anthony; Miss Cindi Hammond of Lutheran Church of the Apostles; Merle Touse of First United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Robert MacDonald of Trinity Episcopal. Belleville United Presbyterian Church is also a member of the council.

THE WEEK

Saturday/Sunday, March 11-12, 1972

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland
(AP) — A three-day truce
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Belleville chamber will elect officers

WED MAR 15 1972

BELLEVILLE — New officers of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce are expected to be selected by the end of the month, according to Theodore Kuckelman, manager of the Chamber.

A 12-member Board of Directors will elect the officers, who will serve for one year.

Six new members who will be participating in the officer selection are Howard Stinehour of H. R. Stinehour Real Estate Co.; John Barber of John Barber, Inc., an auto body shop; Harold Roberts of Roberts Bros. Funeral Home, Dale E. Kaulitz, superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools; John Holowicki, manager of the Belleville branch of the National Bank of Detroit, and Darryl Raymond, Jr., of the Deering Insurance Agency.

These six new board members were elected by the Chamber's 150 members this week.

The new board members and officers will be installed at the chamber's annual dinner on April 27.

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Belleville, Milan:

MONMAR 20 1972

State to hear annex petitions

The State Boundary Commission (SBC) will consider three area petitions for annexation of land and incorporation into a village at public hearings Wednesday in Lansing.

They involve property, owned by the Van Buren School District, proposed for annexation from Van Buren Township to Belleville; the Federal Correctional Institution site in York Township to

be released to the city of Milan, and Barton Hills in Ann Arbor Township applying for incorporation into a village.

The Van Buren school system has asked that 40 acres in the township be annexed to Belleville for administrative and financial reasons. School officials have said the city-township boundary cutting the school property raises technical problems and also costs more in utility bills because the schools use city services.

A petition filed earlier was found insufficient due to lack of a map, and a second document was filed with a map attached, an SBC official said. The commission will reject the first petition and consider the later petition at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Annexation of the 103-acre federal prison territory from York Township to Milan has been pending for a number of years, City Administrator Bernard C. Olson said. He said a representative of the city would attend the 3 p.m. hearing.

Residents of Barton Hills in Sections 7, 8 and 17 of Ann Arbor Township have petitioned for a village status. There are 348 persons living in the 503-acre area proposed for incorporation into a village. The hearing is scheduled for 3 p.m.

The SBC, created under a 1968 law, is composed of five members, three permanent in Lansing and two appointed within each county.

In Washtenaw County, James W. Peeper of Ypsilanti Township and Wilfred De St. Aubin of Ann Arbor serve on the commission.

of a special usage permit for 20 apartment units on the W. Michigan Ave. site.

Also on tonight's agenda is a resolution to authorize payment of \$57,129 to J.F. Sadler, Inc., for work on the waste treatment plant on Monroe St. The plant is expected to be completed next month.

A proposal that the city purchase two voting machines is also expected to be considered tonight. The machines would cost \$800 each.

Milan plans work meet

MILAN — A work session of the Milan City Council will be held at 7:30 p.m. today to discuss the city budget for the coming fiscal year.

The charter provides that the budget must be finalized by the second regular council meeting in May. The city fiscal year ends June 30.

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TUE MAR 21 1972

Belleville will not pay bills

Ambulance firm is turned down

By WES THORP

Of The Press Staff

BELLEVILLE — Refusing to pay three unpaid ambulance bills of city residents, the Belleville City Council last night indicated favor for some sort of agreement with Superior Ambulance Co. to guarantee ambulance service for the city.

The unpaid bills from 1971 for a total of \$129 had been presented to the council at its Feb. 7 meeting. Harry Hayden of Superior had said the bills were for ambulance calls made at the request of the Wayne County Sheriff's Road Patrol.

Under an agreement with the county, he said, the county pays for unpaid ambulance bills in unincorporated areas but not in cities.

Where there are a large number of unpaid ambulance bills in a city and no agreement with the city to pay them, Hayden had said, ambulance service for that area would be jeopardized.

Mayor Royce E. Smith said last night that the city would not pay back the ambulance bills.

"I've been in business 27 years and never had the city collect any bills for me," he said.

City Attorney Ward Smith said he would favor an agreement where Superior would guarantee ambulance service and the city would agree to pay unpaid ambulance runs which were called for by city police.

Mayor Smith said he would write a letter to the ambulance company stating the council's refusal to pay the unpaid bills but expressing its willingness to meet with a company representative to work out an agreement.

In a letter to the council which Mayor Smith read last night, Hayden asked the council for a 1-year agreement where the city assumes 100 per cent financial responsibility for emergency runs from Belleville.

The letter also asked that the city pay \$25 for all runs which an ambulance makes but is unnecessary.

In other business, William Harris, city plumbing and heating inspector, told the council that the city needed to establish a policy for inspection of modular type homes.

He explained it was impossible to inspect several features of the new homes including electrical wiring and heating because they are already built when they are put on the local site.

To insure that the modular homes meet city code requirements, he suggested that the city require that each unit get a building permit and that some certificate be obtained showing the unit was inspected at the factory.



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By JEAN FANNIN
Of The Press Staff

Reassessment of all property in the City of Ypsilanti has been completed, ac-

Blight for today

Today's selection is the Carter Shell parking lot at 300 W. Michigan Ave. where wrecked cars are stored. The lot greets motorists as they first approach the central business district from the west. City officials are reportedly looking for means to correct the eyesore in the downtown area. The Press welcomes 'blight' suggestions.

Pay panel members may quit

WASHINGTON (AP) — A majority of the five labor members on President Nixon's Pay Board reportedly is on the brink of quitting the board to protest White House wage-price regulations.

"We're closer to walking off the Pay Board than at any time since Phase 2 began," said one high source in the AFL-CIO.

One Pay Board member, President Floyd Smith of the AFL-CIO International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said he is ready to vote at a labor summit meeting Wednesday to walk off the board.

WED MAR 29 1972



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New Belleville C-C head

Robert Brown, owner and operator of Bud's Television at 1136 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, was recently elected president of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Serving with him is Robert Tontafo, first vice-president; Dorothy Schroeder, second vice-president; Darryl H. Raymond, secretary, and Kurt Atchinson, treasurer.

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Belleville

WED MAR 29 1977 police chief will retire

BELLEVILLE — Irwin W. Stech, Belleville police chief who also serves as city clerk and city assessor, announced today that is retiring after 30 years service.

Stech, whose retirement will be effective May 1, joined the city as a police patrolman and was promoted into the various positions which he now holds.

His announcement follows a similar one from Cora Bradshaw, city treasurer, who announced she is retiring at the end of this month.

The law is there. He need not go to Congress. He can be, should he wish, a virtual economic czar. Congress gave him that power.

Should the unions defy him, the President could direct the Justice Department to seek either civil or criminal punishment. As one AFL-CIO vice president put it right after the high council meeting, "The government could sue the hell out of us and our treasuries." Or the attorney general could seek prison terms for labor leaders in contempt of court.

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One thing is certain. As you can find it in the President's retort to Mea delivered to the refrigerator November Bal Harbour convention: "President Mea correct. I know exactly

In Belleville

Council refers building permit

TUE APR 4 1972

BELLEVILLE—A building permit request involving a variance from a city ordinance was referred last night to the city Board of Appeals by the Belleville City Council. 1975

"We can change an ordinance, but we can't give a variance on one," Mayor Royce E. Smith said.

The request for a permit came from Russel E. Price of 375 N. Liberty St., who plans to construct a donut shop on Main St. Because his property is located on a corner lot, the building would be located within 6 feet of the road at one point. The city ordinance requires a setback of 10 feet.

Another request for a permit, this one from the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., was referred to the city engineer for recommendations.

The telephone company has requested permission to install an underground junction box near the site of its new building on South St.

"The engineer will tell us whether the telephone wires would interfere with any of our existing water and sewer lines, or any planned for the

future," Smith explained.

The council authorized the signature of Mrs. Helen White, the newly-appointed treasurer, as the official signature for all documents. Mrs. White replaces Mrs. Cora Bradshaw.

The weather service added a warning to residents that tornado winds are strong enough to lift autos, collapse buildings and cause leave behind many injuries.

Kidnap jury is still deadlocked

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) The Harrisburg Seven jury, still deadlocked, is reviewing again the complicated conspiracy evidence against antiwar priest Philip Berrigan and six others accused of

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TUE APR 18 1972

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By CAROLEE STARK
Of The Press Staff

BELLEVILLE—The Belleville City Council last night supported a resolution to authorize the city to sell \$100,000 worth of urban renewal bonds at a rate "not to exceed 7½ per cent."

The figure represents the city's share of a 6-year-old renewal plan, which involves purchase of land located in an area bounded by Main St. on the east, Roys St. on the south, High St. on the north and the western boundary extending approximately 200 feet west of Main.

In January, the council had agreed to acquire two parcels of the land at a cost of \$57,425.

After the acquisition of three other parcels in the central business district, renewal plans call for clearing the area of existing buildings and the sale of the land to a private developer for construction of a commercial establishment.

City attorney B. Ward Smith said he had no figure for the total cost of the project.

Council members spent part of the evening discussing parking lots to ease the traffic problem; but, as Mayor Royce E. Smith stated, "With those (city) parking lots, traffic is worse than it was before we had them." He asked the city attorney's informal opinion on a Garden City plan to form a parking authority. Smith said an authority could not levy special assessments for parking.

Thomas Hamlin said, "The only fair way it can be done is to let the people pay for parking and levy no assessments." He said the council should "do something fast" before Wayne County decides to ban parking on part of the city streets.

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SAIGON (AP) —President Nixon has suspended U.S. air attacks on the Hanoi-Haiphong area to see if North Vietnam backs off from its general offensive in South Vietnam, U.S. military sources reported today.

News digest

Johnson 'making progress'

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Former President Lyndon B. Johnson, who suffered a heart attack 11 days ago, was 'progressing satisfactorily' late Monday night after a brief flareup earlier in the day, hospital officials reported.

Spokesmen at the Army's Brooke General Hospital said specialist, Dr. J. Willis Hurst of Atlanta, flew here Monday evening to treat the former Johnson's personal heart chief executive.

Hurst was summoned after Johnson experienced a period of "extra heart beats," a hospital statement advised.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which has voted

Township vote set May 16:

Van Buren eyes Edison lake

APR 20 1975
BELLEVILLE — Belleville Lake, along with the 101-acre Edison Pointe Park, will become the property of Van Buren Township if voters accept a May 16 advisory vote proposition to operate and maintain it.

The Board of Directors of Detroit Edison Co., owner of the lake, recently approved the transfer of the lake and park as a gift to the township, John U. Harkness, of Edison's public affairs department, confirmed today.

The 6-mile-long lake, with its 20 miles of shoreline, is located entirely in Van Buren Township.

The May 16 advisory vote will ask township voters to approve a building authority to own, operate and maintain the lake and surrounding lands.

"Along with ownership of the land has been the responsibility of maintaining it," Harkness said. "It just seems appropriate at this time

to transfer it."

The Township Board made a formal request to Detroit Edison several months ago to turn over ownership of the property.

Although township residents have been using the lake, Detroit Edison has never given formal permission to anybody to use it, township Supervisor G. E. Gollwitzer said. In effect, residents have been "trespassing", he said.

The lake and Edison Pointe Park have been used by Edison company employees during the summer.

Ownership of the lake by Edison has precluded any development of the area by the township, Gollwitzer said. He said he had no estimate on the cost of maintaining or developing the land, but would be able to produce some figures before May 16.

"Even if we don't do much with it, the area forms a beautiful basis for our recreation pro-

gram," he said. Recreation funds probably would be large enough to support maintenance, Gollwitzer added. "Also, part of the park is a camping park for Edison employees. It may be possible to use the camping park and charge admission."

Edison employees presumably would continue to use the park until another site is found, Gollwitzer said. Asked if he thought any property along the lake might be sold to private developers, Gollwitzer said, "There may be a few cases where a lot may be sold, but there is not much property on the lake. Presumably the park would be kept for use by township residents."

Belleville Lake was made during the 1920s by Detroit Edison when dams along the Huron River were used to generate power. The lake and neighboring park are located south of the I-94 Freeway.

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Board members voting in favor of the change said they did so because the first school on the site was named Union School.

"I can't help but be a little facetious," Collins said; "but I know if we name it Union School, the students will ask if they have to wear union suits."

Collins said he favored keeping the name Intermediate School because it "describes the purpose of the school".

In other action, the board named Detroit attorney Fred Schwarze as chief negotiator

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Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Rogalle's Lounge, 11175 Haggerty Road. A social hour will begin at 6:30.

Donald D. Juchartz of the Wayne County Cooperative Extension will speak on land use. New officers will be installed.

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Belleville's 1.91:

Van Buren gets 2.07 tax factor

FRI APR 28 1972

BELLEVILLE — The Wayne County Board of Commissioners yesterday set a state equalization factor of 2.07 on real property in Van Buren Township, one of the highest rates for cities and townships within the country, and put a factor of 1.91 on property in the city of Belleville. (Property taxes)

Rates for Canton and Sumpter Townships remain at 1.00, or no factor.

The 2.07 rate for Van Buren Township is up from 1.98 over last year, or an increase of 5 per cent in state equalized valuation.

Total assessed valuation for 1972 is \$94,857,650, up from \$68,652,930 over last year. The figures represent a 37 per cent increase in valuation. Only 5 per cent is due to the SEV factor, Van Buren Township Supervisor G. E. Gollwitzer said. The rest represents real growth.

Assessed valuation of real and person property in the city of Belleville for 1972 is \$12,054,560, up from \$10,416,430 over last year. Last year's SEV factor was 1.76.

The total equalized valuation equals the value of real property times the SEV factor added to the value of personal property. Personal property is not included in the SEV factor.

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DEBBORA MICHAELS

Student receives award

BELLEVILLE — Debbora Michaels, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Michaels of 17191 Martinsville Rd., has received a \$1,000 scholarship for her winning entry in an essay contest sponsored by Wayne Federal Savings and Loan Assn.

The contest was open to high school seniors in all schools in the Wayne Federal Savings area. The winning entry from each school was submitted to a panel of judges at Olivet College. The winner from each school was awarded \$50. Debbora is a senior at Belleville High School.

overcome perhaps the biggest hurdle, winning Senate Judiciary Committee approval in his bid to become attorney general. But he faces yet another roadblock before the full Senate.

The Judiciary Committee Thursday reaffirmed its confirmation of the Kleindienst nomination after a two-month investigation of alleged proprieties in the settlement of an antitrust suit against International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.

Liberal Democrats on the committee, defeated in their attempt to continue the hearings, said they would fight the Kleindienst nomination when it reaches the floor, probably several weeks from now.

Sen. John V. Tunney, D-Calif., an opponent of the nomination, said he favors full discussion of the issues before the full Senate, but added that he does not believe the debate will become a filibuster.

Sen. Quentin N. Burdick, D-N. D., another who voted against the committee majority, said: "We do not have a complete record, and it would be unfair to Mr. Kleindienst and the Senate to base a decision upon the present contradictory and totally

Van Buren gets big equalization factor

APR 28 1972

From Page 1

"I think the factor is ridiculous, Belleville Mayor Royce E. Smith said this morning. "But the way things are set up, there's not much we can do about it. Wayne County is getting in such bad financial shape now that they've stretched this thing as far as it can go."

Gollwitzer said the factor represents ordinary inflation. "We don't object to it particularly," he said. The factor is high because Van Buren Township property has not been reassessed for 14 years.

Applying the factor means more inequities, and many people are not happy, he said.

"Land values change rapidly. Farmers, particularly, are adversely affected by the change in land values. It's a complex and controversial thing," Gollwitzer said.

"The factor has been going up at an average of 7 per cent each year since the first big jump in 1967. It's fairly realistic, but I can't say I like it."

The SEV factor is applied if the real property within a city or township has not been assessed at one-half its true

or market value. Property taxes are computed by multiplying the assessed valuation of a home (one-half its market value) by the millage rate. Unless all property has been assessed at one-half market value, a multiplying factor will be added.

equalization report this week which gave property factors to three townships. Along with the board approval came some old criticism and new sarcasm of the tax system.

"Equalization is a farce."

"It's a farce all right, but it's also very, very painful."

"There's a sinister basis to this thing."

"Don't go up to the state with complaints empty handed, you'll get blasted out of your seat."

"If Ypsilanti Township has a right to an attorney here then so does the county."

"We've got to keep the lawyers in business."

The air at the County

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Oct. 11 in Michigan, henceforth, has been designated Casimir Pulaski Day in honor of a Polish immigrant who became a general fighting in the American Revolutionary War.

A bill designating the date, which won't become a legal holiday, was signed into law Thursday by Gov. William G. Milliken.

The idea was proposed by Rep. Casmer P. Ogenowski, D-Detroit.

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Boundary commission to hold hearing on annexation proposal

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BELLEVILLE—The State Boundary Commission will conduct a public hearing at 8 p.m. today in the Belleville High School auditorium on the proposed annexation of 43

acres of land in Van Buren Township to the city of Belleville.

The Van Buren School District seeks the annexation of three parcels of land con-

taining Belleville High School, the administration building and the vocational building.

The boundaries between the city and Van Buren Township run through the high school and the vocational building, contributing to administrative confusion, Supt. Dale E. Kaulitz said. The administration building is located in Van Buren Township. The annexation would reduce water and sewer rates by about \$1,000 yearly.

"We are being charged double water rates for the administration building because it is outside the city," Kaulitz said.

The boundary commission will not make any determinations until after the hearing. It then can deny the petition, approve it as submitted or approve it with boundary adjustments.

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SAIGON (AP) — Flushed North Vietnamese troops laid out populous coastal lowlands and from another base in the center.

With all of northernmost hands, the North Vietnamese advance to the south, Thua Thien capital of Hue, was doomed.

The South Vietnamese were north of Hue and 35 miles. Hue is 32 miles south of Quang.

Authorities began a drive agents in Hue, a city of 2 refugees.

The North Vietnamese continued using a wide variety of weapons long-range artillery, and so this was added today a heat

Belleville council appoints new police chief

TUE MAY 2 1972

By CAROLEE STARK
Of The Press Staff

BELLEVILLE—The promotion of Clayton McLaughlin from sergeant to chief of police was approved by the Belleville City Council last night.

Patrolman Jerry Remus was advanced to sergeant, replacing McLaughlin.

McLaughlin replaces Irwin W. Stech, who is retiring after 30 years' service to the city.

McLaughlin joined the Belleville police force

as a patrolman in 1941. He served three years as a criminal investigator with the U. S. Army during World War II and returned to the police force after his discharge. He was promoted to sergeant in 1947.

McLaughlin lives at 35 E. Wabash with his wife, Norman Jean, and a son and daughter. The couple has two married daughters.

The council referred to the city Planning Commission a request by James Ackron to rezone 40 acres of property on Hull Rd. east

of Sumpter Rd., from R-1 (residential) to R-T (trailer court). It also approved an interim sewage connection between Van Buren and Ypsilanti Townships for an apartment complex on Huron River Dr. and Rawsonville Rd.

The suit by the city of Belleville challenging the use of tax money for Detroit's proposed riverfront stadium took a front seat to other discussion, however. City Attorney B. Ward Smith outlined for council members several provisions in the contract between the Wayne

County Stadium Authority and the Detroit Tigers for use of the stadium.

The baseball club would have to have the right to approve all facilities, including use of the restaurant, he said. Under the agreement, restaurant use would be restricted to persons who purchase a ticket to the stadium.

The plan also calls for 40,000 square feet of office space for use by the Tigers. The closest estimate on present office space at Tiger Stadium is 6,000 to 7,000 square feet, he said.

"What are they going to do with 40,000?" Smith asked.

The contract refers to office space for baseball club and "related activities," he said.

He also expressed the opinion that 12 box seats reserved for stadium authority use is contrary to bond authority regulations.

Smith questioned projected ticket sales of 2 million for the first year of operation, 1975, and seating capacity for the new stadium, which he estimated would not exceed that of the old stadium.



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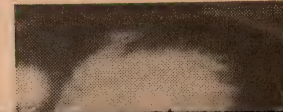
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FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover dies at home



Annexation hearing is held

40 persons attend meeting about school property

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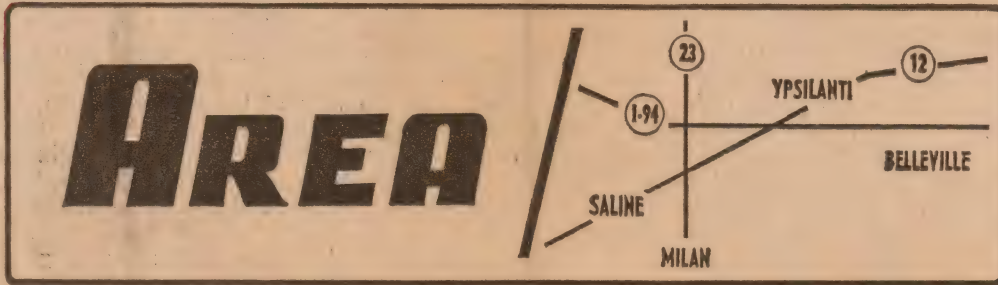
By CAROLEE STARK
Of The Press Staff

BELLEVILLE — Arguments presented at the State Boundary Commission hearing last night on the proposed annexation of Van Buren School District property to the city of Belleville centered mainly on police protection and sewage rates. The Van Buren Board of Education is asking that property containing part of the high school plus the administration building and the vocational center grounds, now located in Van Buren Township, be annexed to the city.

About 40 persons attended the meeting.

John McDonald, attorney for the school board, said the major reasons for the request are improved police protection and elimination of possible double sewage rates for the high school. The city boundary runs down the middle of Belleville High School.

At present, the administration building is in the township and is being supplied with city water and sewage at double the regular city rate because it is outside



the city limits. The vocational center buildings are in the city, but most of the grounds are in the township. The vocational center also is serviced by a city sewer at double the city rate.

The conflict over which police force has jurisdiction in the buildings should also be removed, McDonald said.

"The high school is literally within a stone's throw of the (city) police department," he said, "and should have jurisdiction."

Township Supervisor T. E. Gollwitzer, speaking against the annexation, said the reasons were not impressive because the schools have never had a police problem. He suggested a agreement

might be made with the city police to cover school buildings located in the township.

Gollwitzer also said the annexation would have a detrimental effect on township planning.

He said another piece of property in the township had been rezoned by the county and sold to developers.

"We're trying to keep other people from planning our property for us," he said.

Another township resident spoke in favor of the annexation because of possible improved police protection.

In answer to a comment by Gollwitzer that the township could provide better services to the schools, Belleville Mayor Royce E. Smith said

the city ratio of police per square mile was smaller than that of the township.

As far as fire protection is concerned, he said, "I don't think that means too much, since there is an unwritten agreement of cooperation between city and township fire departments. Besides, I would feel better knowing my kids were up here under the protection of the Belleville Police Department."

The question was raised as to the possibility of including in the annexation several parcels of land now owned by the school district in order to correct jagged lines resulting from redrawn boundaries. One parcel would involve several homes located in a

triangle of township land north of the vocational building.

Irving Rozian, member of the 5-man boundary commission, said if the commission looked favorably on the annexation, it probably would consider adjusting the boundaries to include these parcels.

Robert Shale of 549 W. Columbia whose home is in township land next to the high school, said he objected to annexation of his property because township residents are members of the Peoples Community Hospital Authority (PCHA). As a city resident he would lose membership in PCHA and would have to pay a 20 per cent surcharge for hospital services.

The hearing was conducted at the request of the Van Buren School District. The proposal to annex school property was approved last year by the city of Belleville but rejected by the township.

The commission can deny the petition, approve it as submitted or approve it with boundary adjustments.

Voting snarl to bring Ohio prim

By the Associated Press

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, a slim victor over Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace in the Indiana Democratic primary, clung to a narrowing lead over Sen. George S. McGovern in Ohio today as the tightest 1972 primary headed toward a photo finish.

Returns from Cuyahoga County—Cleveland, where a massive primary day snarl complicated both the balloting and the counting, began to cut into the already thin Humphrey lead for the state's 38 at-large delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

In addition, the Cuyahoga County balloting faced a possible court challenge.

Even if Humphrey's statewide lead held up, McGovern was running strongly enough around the state to win a significant share of the 153 Ohio delegates.

At midmorning, with the bulk of the Cuyahoga vote yet to be tabulated and only one-third of the Hamilton County—Cincinnati—vote counted before weary election officials went home until tonight, Humphrey led for 80 delegates, including a 13,500 - vote margin for the at large delegates, McGovern for 50.

Humphrey claimed the final results would show "a great victory in Ohio."

McGovern's camp, however, was equally confident. "I think we have beat him," claimed Frank Mankiewicz, the South

Dakota senator's national political strategy. The primary proved McGovern's "We have demonstrated that blue collar vote," Mankiewicz

There was one sure loser, shington. A poor fourth after he said he would follow the call and stop campaigning in presidential candidate.

In Indiana, Wallace himself fought off the Alabamian's best shot. 54 of the state's 76 convention delegates. Wallace, however, picked up

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CLAYTON McLAUGHLIN
... new police chief

Belleville starts training seminars

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BELLEVILLE — New Belleville Police Chief Clayton McLaughlin has initiated a series of in-service training seminars for area police officers to help acquaint them with new laws and to provide up-to-date information on police methods.

The first meetings are being held this week and will cover narcotics training. Bodar Kominsky, a chemist with the Wayne County sheriff's laboratory, and an assistant from the lab will speak on the new marijuana law, how to distinguish between different types of narcotics, and how to test a suspected drug user.

Police officers from the city of Belleville; Van Buren, Huron, and Sumpter Townships, and rangers from area parks have been invited.

Future sessions will be held bi-monthly and will include training in traffic, criminal law, procedures of arrest, and any other subjects police officers would like to cover, McLaughlin said.



Fireman William Strubank remained at the pay telephone with the portable radio to intercept incoming emergency calls and relayed them via radio to the fire station until the line was fixed about 1½ hours later.

THE PRESS ***HOT-LINE—***

Your 'whys' answered

QUESTION: Both elementary and junior high students were “prompted” to bring home a number of brochures and 4-page “information sheets”, all urging the passing of both Ypsilanti

ANSWER : According to Gerald L. Jennings, chairman of Citizens for Better Schools, the informational and advertising material costs for the Feb. 28 millage election were paid mainly by donations from private citizens. The

To city charter

Belleville's voters face 4 amendments

THURSDAY 11 1972

BELLEVILLE — Belleville voters will be asked to voice their opinions on four city charter amendments which will appear on Tuesday's presidential primary ballot.

Two will involve changing the office of the city treasurer from elective to appointive, and the others will ask for a change in the amount of purchases that would require sealed bids.

Charter amendment one asks, "Shall the charter of the city of Belleville be amended to provide for the appointment of the treasurer by amending Section 1 of Chapter V and amending related Section 1 of Chapter II and Section 2 of Chapter V, so as to carry out the intent of the amendment effective July 1, 1972?"

Proposition two asks, "Shall Section 10 of Chapter II of the charter of the city of Belleville be amended so that the salary of the treasurer may be fixed by the Council as provided in the charter for appointive officers and so that the statutory fees now paid to the treasurer may be retained by the city as part of the general fund?"

The treasurer now retains 1 per cent of the income from city revenues. The proposed amendment would provide for the appointment of the treasurer under the Civil Service regulations. The treasurer would receive a set salary and could be assigned other duties.

Amendment three asks, "Shall the charter of the city of Belleville be amended to require purchases to be made on sealed bids only when the amount of the purchase exceeds the sum of \$2,500?"

Proposition four reads, "Shall the charter of the city

of Belleville be amended to require contracts for city improvements including repairs and maintenance, to be made on sealed bids only when the cost of such improvement exceeds the sum of \$2,500 and except where the health and safety of the residents would be endangered by delay in obtaining bids?"

The present charter limits the amount of purchases that require sealed bids to \$500. In case of a broken sewer line, for example, repairs costing over \$500 would require sealed bids under the present charter.

An emergency situation would require that repairs be made immediately. Officials say the \$2,500 figure would take into consideration the rate of inflation since 1954 when the present charter was written.



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Advisory vote set

Meeting slated on airport plan

THURSDAY 11 1972

By CAROLEE STARK
Of The Press Staff

BELLEVILLE — Whether Van Buren Township should accept the proposed expansion of Willow Run Airport and the transfer of Belleville Lake from the Detroit Edison Co. to the township will be discussed at a public meeting to be held at 7:30 tonight at the high school auditorium.

Two advisory propositions, one involving the airport expansion, and the other on acceptance of the lake, will be presented to the voters at Tuesday's presidential primary.

Proposition one asks, "Do you favor expansion of the facilities and territorial limits of Willow Run Airport so as to convert it into a major regional cargo and general aviation airport?"

The airport expansion is being opposed by the Township Board on the grounds that it will have a detrimental effect on township planning and that the combined activity from Detroit Metropolitan and the expanded Willow Run Airports would be environmentally undesirable.

The Wayne County Road Commission proposes to take over ownership of the airport from the University of

Michigan and operate it as a major regional air cargo and general aviation airport and as a reliever airport for Metro. The University is prohibited from using education money for airport expansion.

The proposed \$100 million program calls for the construction of two runways running northeast-southwest in the northwest quarter of the township. The expansion would consume about 1,800 acres of additional land, township officials say. About that amount is already tax exempt, airport land.

Township Supervisor G.E. Gollwitzer estimates an immediate loss of \$10 million in assessed valuation, which would be returned in perhaps 10 to 15 years.

According to a Federal Housing Administration map, the federal government will not insure mortgages on homes located within 1½ miles of an airport landing pattern and will insure homes within another 1,000 feet only if they are of soundproof construction. A large part of the development on the west end of Belleville Lake lies in the landing pattern of the proposed air strips, Gollwitzer said.

According to a Wayne County Road Commission

report, runway capacity at Willow Run Airport could increase from 180,000 operations a year at present to an estimated 400,000, if developed.

The township is seeking legal help to freeze the present easterly boundary of airport property along Beck Rd.

"Under present law the township would have to approve a zoning change before expansion could occur. However, legislation is presently being considered to allow the state to override local zoning decisions," Gollwitzer said.

The proposition regarding the lake reads, "Shall the Township of Van Buren accept Belleville Lake and certain surrounding lands presently owned by the Detroit Edison Co. as a gift and establish a building and recreational authority under Act No. 31 of the Public Acts of 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended, to own, operate and maintain said properties?"

The lake, along with 101-acre Edison Pointe Park, were presented to the township as a gift from Detroit Edison Co., the owner, on the condition that the voters would agree to own and maintain the property.

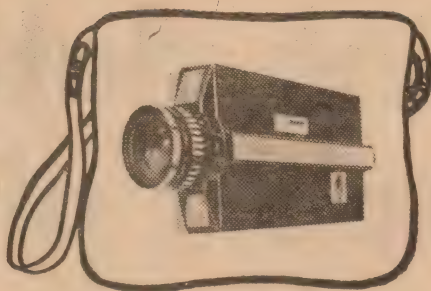
The advisory vote would indicate only approval or rejection by the voters, and would not bind the township board to accept the lake.

According to Gollwitzer, money accumulated in the township recreation fund would be enough to maintain the lake for about 15 years, without asking for additional millage.

He estimates the township will spend about \$20,000 yearly to operate the lake and anticipates it will be able to develop other sources of income from the lake and park in the future.

The estimated yearly tax loss would be about \$34,000. The township recreation fund contains over \$200,000, not including anticipated interest over the next 15 years. Gollwitzer said he plans to meet insurance company representatives soon to discuss insurance for the park and lake.

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In Van Buren Township

Supervisor refutes tax figures on lake

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BELLEVILLE — The Detroit Edison Co. pays \$34,270 in property taxes on the Belleville Lake property which it has offered to Van Buren Township.

These figures were contained in a statement issued today by Van Buren Township Supervisor G.E. Gollwitzer in

answer to a letter which was published in The Press.

The letter, written by Rodney A. Bly of 11929 Ryznar Rd., Belleville, charged that the township and the Van Buren School District would lose \$507,000 in property taxes if the property is transferred to the township.

On the condition that Van Buren Township agrees to maintain it, Edison said it would give Belleville Lake and the 101-acre Edison Pointe Park to the township.

Township voters will advise the Township Board at Tuesday's election on whether or not they want the township to accept the lake and whether they want to establish an authority to maintain it.

Gollwitzer said, "These (Bly's) figures are 15 times the correct figures and could result in the young people of our community losing out on having a nice park."

Gollwitzer said the correct figures on the property taxes paid on the park and lake property are: \$5,869 to the county, \$6,149 to the township and \$22,252 to the Van Buren School District for a total of \$34,270.

Township Treasurer Frederick P. Birk said Bly's figures were incorrect and that the amount paid by Edison on the property is approximately \$34,000.

In a related item, approximately 175 people attended a public meeting last night about the lake and the proposed Willow Run Airport expansion.

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By
**Paul A.
Scott**

**Press
Special
Writer**



several hundred late model U.S. tanks to South Vietnam. The tanks are needed to give the South Vietnamese sufficient mobile fire power to stop the Soviet T-54 tanks now being used so successfully by the North Vietnamese. Russian tanks have made the difference in several key battles won by the North Vietnamese.

ceasefire proposal, the military advisers claim, would leave the enemy holding large areas of South Vietnam.

Proposed by Kissinger, the cease-fire offer was vigorously opposed by the Joint Chiefs on the grounds it rewards Hanoi's aggression and could result in a communist political takeover of South Vietnam.

The urgent need now in Vietnam, according to the President's military advisers, is to bolster the fire power of the hard-pressed and out-gunned South Vietnamese ground forces.

The Joint Chiefs have asked President Nixon to approve an emergency airlift of

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We have seen, and counted, the Sheriff's Department patrol cars in West Willow Sub-

CITY OF BELLEVILLE CHARTER

The two Belleville ^{Amendment} charter changes providing for the appointment, rather than election, of a city treasurer are "YES" proposals. At present, the treasurer is "paid" by a 1 per cent portion of the city income. Approval would help modernize the city operation in recognition of the requirements and complexity of modern-day local governments.

The other two proposals, which would require sealed bids only for purchases of \$2,500 or more, deserve a closer look by voters. Belleville's 1947 charter now contains a \$500 limit but does not allow for over-\$500 purchases-contracts in emergency situations.

The idea behind setting the figure at \$2,500 — plus providing for emergency situations — was inflation in the past 25 years. However, the \$2,500 limit seems too high to allow future councils and administrations to spend public monies without seeking sealed bids. A "NO" vote is recommended.

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"If a corporation finds a
defect in a competitive pro-
duct, they have a duty to in-
form the public," said Nader.
This is just decent corporate
citizenship."

A spokesman for General
Motors in Detroit said: "This
is merely another attempt by
Mr. Nader to smear the Cor-
vair and an attempt to
influence the department in
its investigation and report."

He added that "we reaffirm
that the limit of control of the
1960-63 model Corvair is equal
to or better than the limit of
control of competitive cars of
the same era."

For the Ford Motor Co.,
Harold C. MacDonald, vice
president, product develop-
ment group, said: "Any sta-



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Budget hearing planned

TUE MAY 16 1972
City Council OKs
HUD guidelines

By CAROLEE STARK
Of The Press Staff

BELLEVILLE—The half dozen or so high school students who attended last night's Belleville City Council meeting to watch their government in action must have been disappointed.

In a 10-minute meeting, which didn't involve much action at all, the council set June 5 for a public hearing on the budget and passed a resolution that it would comply with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rules governing the relocation of persons displaced by the city's urban renewal project.

HUD guidelines state that affected persons will be adequately informed of benefits, policies and procedures; that the relocation process will be carried out in such a manner as to provide displaced persons with uniform services, and that replacement housing will be available.

The city's renewal plan calls for acquisition of land in an area bounded by Main St. on the east, Roys St. on the south and High St. on the north, with the western boundary extending approximately 200 feet west of Main St.

In January the council agreed to acquire two parcels of land.



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On treasurer, sealed bids:

Belleville OK's 4 charter amendments

WED MAY 17 1972

BELLEVILLE — Approval was given by Belleville voters yesterday to two (charter amendments) relating to the city treasurer.

Also approved were charter amendments raising the maximum dollar figure of goods or services the city can purchase without taking secret bids.

The first amendment allows the City Council to appoint the treasurer. Until now, the treasurer has been elected according to the provisions of the city's charter drafted in 1947.

A second charter amendment stipulates that the council set the treasurer's salary rather than paying the official 1 per cent of the fees which he collects.

City voters approved the amendment about the treasurer's appointment 285 to 203. The amendment on the treasurer's salary was approved, 286 to 177.

Also approved was a charter amendment which changes the maximum dollar amount which the city can purchase without bids from \$500 to \$2,500. This passed, 291 to 199.

An amendment which would waive the \$2,500 lid in services in cases of emergency was also approved, 301 to 175.

Mayor Royce E. Smith said, "The treasurer's position has been a part-time job with part-time pay, now we can assign him extra duties to make it a full-time job with full-time pay."

He said the council will now be able to legally make purchases without bids during an emergency such as on a broken water line.

"All this does is keep the City Council operating legally within the city charter," Smith said.



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penditures for the \$1,312,000 the additional millage would have brought in, was to have been in wage increases for city workers. Negotiations for increases are in progress.

"We can negotiate to hold the line, and the unions can go to compulsory arbitration," Sheehan said. He said the city has made the workers a "modest offer" which would put employees about even with other city employees in this part of the country and would put the city only about \$200,000 out of balance.

Sheehan said the council does not plan any cutbacks unless the negotiations cannot be settled.

June is just around the corner with its summer vacations not far behind. To help readers prepare for trips, The Press presents a special tabloid section today on the service of cars and campers.

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In Van Buren Township

Airport expansion, ownership of lake not favored by voters

WED MAY 17 1972

By WES THORP
Of The Press Staff

BELLEVILLE — Van Buren Township voted indicated yesterday that they do not favor either the expansion of the Willow Run Airport or township ownership of Belleville Lake.

On the advisory question of whether or not they favor the expansion of Willow Run Airport into a major air cargo terminal, 2,274 said "no" and 906 "yes."

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For the second question on whether the township should

accept Belleville Lake and certain surrounding lands, 1,801 voted "no" and 1,384 voted "yes."

Supervisor G. T. Gollwitzer said he expected to see a higher percentage of the vote against the airport expansion.

"But this does bear out the fact that the community doesn't want an expanded airport," he said.

"The areas most affected by the expansion seem to have voted 2-1 against it (airport expansion) while the other areas have voted more than 2-1."

About the vote against the lake, he said, "I think it is just sad, especially for the young people. Apparently the voters were scared that it was going to cost them something, but that is certainly not the case."

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He said he doubted if the Township Board would go against the wishes of the voters by accepting the lake from the Detroit Edison Co.

Along with the lake, the Edison Co. had agreed to give the township the Edison Pointe Park which abuts the lake.

The two questions on the airport and the lake were tied together, with the results to be used as possible ammunition in a fight against expansion of the airport.

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The Wayne County Road Commission has proposed expansion of the airport into a regional air cargo and general aviation center.

It has been charged that the expansion would necessitate the demolition of more than 700 homes, several businesses, a fire station, the Township Hall and two schools:

Gollwitzer has said that if voters favored acceptance of the lake, a case could be made that the proposed expansion would ruin the recreational potential for the area.

Results of these two advisory questions could be presented in court, according to Gollwitzer's plan, to stop the airport expansion.

The breakdown of the vote on the airport question was: first precinct, 250 "yes" and 657 "no"; second precinct, 192 to 659 no; third precinct, 179 to 351, and fourth precinct, 275 to 607.

On the lake question, in the first precinct there were 471 "yes" and 451 "no"; second precinct, 307 to 543; third precinct, 165 to 355, and fourth precinct, 441 to 452.

Results at glance

State primary

Wallace 808, 943, McGovern 424,330,
Humphrey 249,231, Chisholm, 43,746

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Office holders: 898

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Petition can't be changed

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~~BELLEVILLE~~ — The Van Buren School District cannot withdraw its petition requesting (annexation) of certain school property from the township to the city, the Michigan State Boundary Commission has told the school board.

The school board had earlier told the commission that it would withdraw the petition if annexation would affect other persons whose property adjoins that of the schools.


The commission is currently studying the school board petition for annexation of the vocational building and part of the high school and administration buildings into the city of Belleville.

The city's boundary line runs through the center of the high school. The administration and vocational buildings are in the township, while the vocation center grounds lie in the city. The annexation would simplify water and sewage and police protection problems.

The school board contacted the commission because of concern that the property of 16 township residents would be included in the annexation. The commission had indicated at a public hearing earlier this month that other property not belonging to the school district might be annexed to correct jagged lines resulting from redrawn boundaries.

"We know that the commission is sensitive to the desires of people who might be involved," Supt. Dale E. Kaulitz said.

Persons who own property near the sites of school buildings involved in the annexation have been requested to write to boundary commission to express their opinions on the proposed annexation, Kaulitz said.



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Budget hearing slated

Belleville seeks
millage increase

BELLEVILLE — Belleville residents will face a 1 mill increase in property taxes, according to figures for the proposed general operating fund budget for fiscal 1972-73.

The proposed budget, calling for expenditures of \$247,568, provides for a 5.5 per cent salary increase for city employees, \$7,000 for new sidewalks and sidewalk construction and \$3,900 for recreation. Also, because of an increase in dumping fees, funds appropriated for garbage and rubbish collection would be up \$2,700 compared to the current year, Mayor Royce E. Smith said. The fiscal year starts July 1.

The city's current property tax rate will increase from 13 to 14 mills, or \$14 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

"Five years ago we cut the rate 2 mills, so we are still 1 mill below 1966," Smith commented.

Sidewalk repair funds, proposed to go up \$6,000 from this year, would provide for repairs and for the construction of new sidewalks from Five Points west on W. Columbia Ave. to Belleville High School.

A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for Monday at 8 p.m. in the council chambers.



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Belleville budget hikes tax 1 mill

By WES THORP
Of The Press Staff

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BELLEVILLE — The Belleville City Council approved a \$247,586 budget last night for the fiscal year beginning July 1. It is an increase of \$53,736 over the 1971-72 budget.

City property owners will be levied one additional mill to pay for the increased budget. The tax rate will be increased from 13 to 14 mills on assessed valuation.

This means that property owners will be paying \$14 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, instead of \$13.

The budget was adopted by the council with no discussion and with no testimony during a public hearing on the spending document.

Key parts of the new budget include \$7,000 for repair and construction of sidewalks and \$3,900 for a summer recreation program.

For the next fiscal year, the Police Department has been budgeted \$107,625, compared to the \$80,370 set aside for the current fiscal year.

The biggest portion of the department's budget has been allocated for salaries—\$77,700 for police officers, police commissioner and crossing

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guard, compared to \$60,350 for the present fiscal year.

This year's budget includes \$8,800 for the Fire Department, compared to \$8,350 for the current year.

Other appropriations in the new budget are, with last year's appropriation in

parentheses: the City Council, \$4,300 (\$3,840); elections, \$1,475 (\$1,225); the city clerk's office, \$25,505 (\$17,735); legal services, \$7,000 (\$5,000) and auditing services \$2,500 (\$2,500).

Also, the city treasurer's office, \$2,300 (\$2,200); library, \$8,907 (\$10,501); garbage and rubbish collection, \$11,235 (\$8,500); for payment on urban renewal bonds, \$10,850 (first year) and Christmas decorations, \$250 (\$1,200).

For the local share of street maintenance, the council budgeted \$37,058, compared to \$34,133 for the current fiscal year.

Supply and treatment of water and sewage treatment was allocated \$133,520, compared to this year's \$130,070.

On the revenue side, the property tax which will be levied on \$6,974,270 of assessed valuation in the city, is estimated to realize \$81,600 during the next fiscal year.

Other sources of revenue include the city's portion of returns from the state income and sales taxes, from liquor licenses and the intangible tax; a grant from the federal Emergency Manpower Employment Act and revenue from licenses and permits.

Council takes step to

By JEAN FANNIN
Of The Press Staff

The City Council took the first step last night toward answering the question of whether the city will participate in the proposed civic center on N. Huron St.

That step was a direction to City Manager Peter Caputo and City Attorney Kenneth Bronson to obtain a written

lease proposal from John J. Sharemet, developer of the proposed 5-story center, for review by the council.

The resolution was passed 6-1, with Mrs. Nathalie E. Edmunds voting against it. Prior to the vote Mrs. Edmunds questioned whether a resolution was in order for a direction to the city manager, and Bronson told her that the

resolution presented by Dale Hooker was in order.

She suggested it be deleted and the council direct the city attorney to obtain a letter of intent from the civic center.

Mrs. Edmunds approved the resolution, which implied, to her



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SALISBURY, Rhodesia (AP) —A total of 468 coal miners are feared dead in the worst mining disaster in Rhodesia's history, a spokesman for the Wankie Collier said today.

A major underground explosion occurred this morning

Belleville Lake may go on ballot

FRI JUN 9 1972

By CAROLEE STARK
Of The Press Staff

BELLEVILLE—Van Buren Township Supervisor G. E. Gollwitzer appeared before the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce yesterday to clear up some of the misconceptions which he believes helped to defeat an advisory vote proposition May 16 on the transfer of Belleville Lake and Edison Pointe Park by the Detroit Edison Co. to the township. He also informed the board that an attempt would be made at Tuesday night's township board meeting to place the issue on the Aug. 8 ballot.

The immediate total tax loss, he said, would be the \$34,271.66 which Edison is now paying in property taxes on the lake and park.

"This would take \$880 out of the township general fund. What most people don't realize is that the tax base of Van Buren Township has gone up 37 per cent in the last year." The \$34,000 figure would represent a tax loss of 1.3 per cent, he said, "while at the same time taxable income in the township is going up."

Included in the \$34,000 is \$22,000, which is paid to the schools. "If a new method of financing schools is found, this \$22,000 would be gone anyway," he said.

"The most important question is what are the costs going to be? We don't know." He said the Detroit Edison Co. had spent anywhere from \$1,500 to \$150,000 in any one year on upkeep of the lake.

"They have spent \$100,000 on the dam, which, according to workmen, is in the best shape they've ever seen it."

Gollwitzer gave an estimated figure of \$6,000 a year for insurance, and estimated the cost of maintaining the lake, including insurance, at \$20,000 per year, which he said was conservative.

"Unfortunately, some people can put out phony figures at 15 times that much. I can't very well be a liar because I have figures that people can check. I don't know how to give people the facts if they won't believe the facts," he said.

"Obviously, this is not the time to take over the lake, because people are not ready. However, this happens to be the time the lake is available."

The area now owned by the Edison Co. includes the lake which has 20 miles of shoreline, and 101-acre Edison Pointe Park on the shore of the lake near I-94 Expressway and Rawsonville Rd. The Edison Co. had offered the lake and park to the township

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if the voters would pass an advisory proposition to own and maintain the property. The advisory proposition, which failed 1,801 to 1,384, was tied in with another one which asked if the voters approved the expansion of Willow Run Airport. The voters turned down approval of the airport expansion 2,274 to 906.

"The reason for tying in the two proposals was to help defeat airport expansion, Gollwitzer said.

"We thought we could go to Lansing or Washington and impress those people with the fact that the community had a nice park and lake that would be right in the glide pattern. We thought it would be a great thing if people would come forth and endorse the take-over of the lake."

In response to past criticism that the lake was deteriorating, Gollwitzer said, "This is not true." He told the board he was confident that construction of a regional sewer system will eventually come to pass.

"As time goes on, more sewage will be moved past the township," he said. "This will make a tremendous difference in the cleanliness of the lake."

He estimated the value of the lake and park at \$500,000,

and "depending on zoning, it could be worth much more. We can't turn down that kind of money."

"If I were Detroit Edison, I'd sell the lake for what I could get out of it. Assuming that Edison can't sell it, there is no reason why they have to put money into it. If people think Edison will maintain the lake, they are wrong," Gollwitzer said.

The township has \$200,000 in the recreation fund which was accumulated from excavation of sand in the park area, creating a hole 80 feet deep.

"We were afraid to spend the money, because it would cost almost as much to put the earth back as it would to make a park," Gollwitzer said. There is a possibility that earth from excavation for the proposed Belleville I-94 interchange could be used to fill the hole, he said. "It would be better to spend the money on a park than a gravel pit."

"Admittedly, we don't pretend to have everything all planned, but we know we can make this self-supporting," he said. One of his suggestions was to charge admission to the trailer campground in Edison Pointe Park.

The Chamber of Commerce board voted to support the idea of accepting the lake.

Old generation m

Lt. Gov. James H. Brickley told graduating seniors at Lincoln Consolidated High School last night that their generation was "the most interesting to ever come down the pike."

Brickley was the guest speaker at the 48th commencement ceremonies. Some 139 students received their diplomas in last night's presentations.

Putting himself in the graduates' parents' place, Brickley commented on the feeling of seeing a child in a cap and gown, legally, physically and mentally an adult.

"You begin to realize that although you can help and remain close, your basic job is done. Because you still have the experience your child lacks, you want to make decisions for them," he said.

Although some of the mothers' marriage and a career, having intelligence and their background to give them a good start.

"Your generation is the most down the pike. You are the most and the most serious," Brickley added.

But he added, "Alas, you are of your weaknesses."

While complimenting the young ecology movement and in many possible, he cautioned that what it can never be made perfect.

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U.S. bombs Hanoi ho

SAIGON (AP) — American fighter-bombers gave the Hanoi-Haiphong military complex on Thursday its hardest pounding since the resumption of full-scale bombing more than two months ago, U.S. military spokesmen announced today.

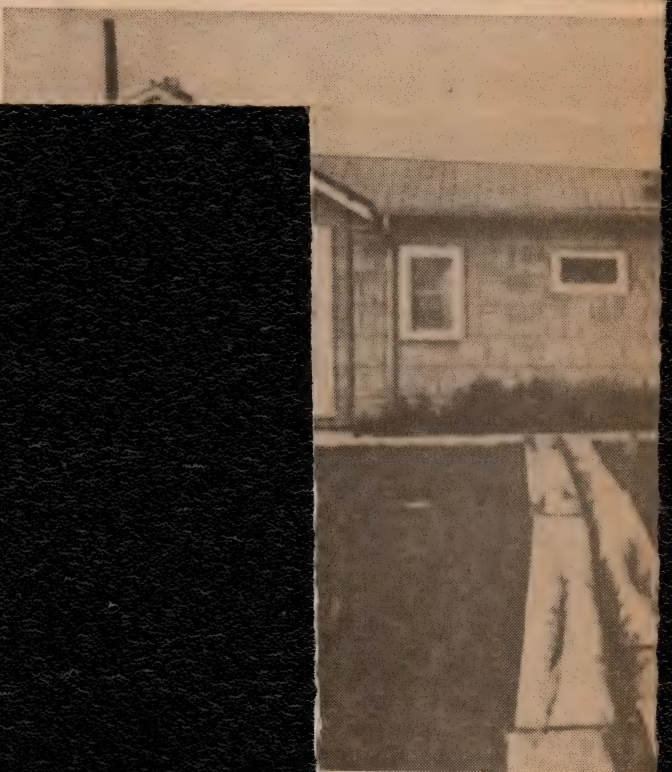
Pilots said they hit barracks, storage depots and

three U.S. planes were downed Thursday.

The U.S. Command announced no losses in the North Thursday. But it said a Navy RA5 reconnaissance

jet crashed into the Tonkin Gulf 17 miles southeast of Haiphong Wednesday and the two crewmen were rescued unhurt.

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Won't go on Aug. 8 ballot:

Vote on lake denied

WED JUN 14 1972

By CAROLEE STARK
Of The Press Staff

BELLEVILLE — An overflow crowd of about 100 persons gathered in the garage at Van Buren Township Hall Tuesday night for a township board meeting. The majority of them came to support arguments for placing the Belleville Lake proposition on the ballot again Aug. 8. A 3-3 vote by the township board ended the issue — but only temporarily, as groups of spectators left the meeting determined to resurrect what they termed a "political issue."

The board split on whether to place the matter on the August ballot, with Supervisor G.E. Gollwitzer and Trustees Dominick W. Blend and Patricia Cullin, all Republicans, voting in favor, and the Democrats, Clerk Erma J. Payne, Treasurer Frederick P. Birk and Trustee Joseph Hogan, voting against.

Trustee Jerry Maton, an employe of the Detroit Edison Co., which has offered the lake to the township, had been advised by the company to abstain from taking a stand.

Voters on May 16 rejected 1,801 to 1,384 an advisory vote proposition asking whether the township should accept Belleville Lake and the adjoining 101-acre Edison Pointe Park as a gift from the Detroit Edison Co. and agree to maintain the property.

The board heard heated arguments that a fact sheet distributed by a "concerned citizen" the day before the election had provided misinformation on financial facts of the lake transfer, and for that reason voters should be given a chance to re-evaluate their positions.

According to the fact sheet, the immediate tax loss to the township would be \$50,000, and it gave figures of \$100,000 and \$289,000 that Edison had reportedly paid in maintenance of the dam.

Gollwitzer had earlier disputed this, saying that the tax loss would be only the \$34,000 in property tax Edison is now paying on the property and that the most Edison had paid in any one year for dam maintenance was \$150,000. He quoted a workman as saying the dam was "in the best shape it's ever been." He also said his figures could be verified.

Milton Riggs of 41985 Willow Run Expressway, asked trustee Hogan if the facts contained in the pre-election flyer were accurate.

"Substantially correct," Hogan answered.

He said before the vote Tuesday night, "I'm not fixed on it one way or another, but what bothers me is that when people have made a democratic expression on the lake, we should let the matter stand."

Riggs said that "deception had been perpetrated" in the distribution of the flyer, and that he would "make it a point to see that any member of the board who refused to right a wrong (place the matter on the ballot) would be removed from the board."

When the time arrived for the vote, Mrs. Payne said, "No, because I don't like your threat," pointing to Riggs.

Asked if she would have voted otherwise if not threa-

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tened, Mrs. Payne said, "Not necessarily. I have conducted many elections, and 1,801 people told me they didn't want that lake."

Gollwitzer, who had originally approached the Edison Co. about transferring the lake to the township, said the board had voted unanimously to support the move.

"Now we have three people against it," he said.

Don Carlson of 45637 Harmony Lane called the "concerned citizen" fact sheet "a lot of garbage," and charged the board to "stand up and do what's right."

Mrs. Payne said, "How do we know people won't pass out false information next time?" to which someone answered, "This is the best sabotage job this community has ever seen."

Several persons suggested contacting the Edison Co. to ask it to withdraw its instructions to Maton on the assumption that he would vote for placing the issue on the Aug. 8 ballot. Maton is a Democrat.

One angry spectator said, "How can Edison disenfranchise everybody in this room by instructing one of our elected officials not to vote?"

Bob Brown, president of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, called it a "political issue," and said, "This is the wrong time to take a political stand. This is

the one time in your life the community has asked you to do something worthwhile."

He also said the Chamber of Commerce board of directors had passed a resolution to inform the public on the lake situation. Donald Juchartz, speaking for the Rotary Club, said that group had voted to do the same.

The board received some 700 as yet uncertified petitions requesting that the issue be placed on the Aug. 8 ballot. Though the tie vote apparently killed plans for an August vote, Gollwitzer said the Edison Co. would extend its offer at least until after the Aug. 8 election, and probably longer.

Blend said, "I think we should hang on to Detroit Edison, and I appeal to everybody here tonight to do all they can. I think the major issue will come at this fall's election. I've laid it on the table. I'll dedicate myself to seeing that Mr. Hogan and Mr. Birk are not on this board this coming election." Mrs. Payne will not run for re-election in November.

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CONCORD, Ala. — At least
27 persons were injured late
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HONG KONG — A
Hong Kong newspaper said
today that Communist leaders
in Hong Kong have been
"unofficially and secretly"
warned by Chinese authorities
to prepare for a serious state

Only 72 petitions about lake turned in

FRI JUN 16 1972

BELLEVILLE — Mrs. Erma J. Payne, Van Buren Township Clerk, said Thursday she

had not received the 700 petitions presented at Tuesday night's Township Board meeting requesting that the Belleville Lake issue be placed on the Aug. 8 ballot.

"I am not saying Mr. Carabin (circulator of the petitions) did not have them, but only that, as clerk of the township, they have not been turned over to me." She said she had seen only 72 of them.

Mrs. Payne voted against placing the issue on the August ballot, saying that 1,081 people "have told me they do not want that lake."

An advisory proposition May 16 asking that the township accept Belleville Lake and Edison Pointe Park as a gift from Detroit Edison was turned down by township voters.

She also said she believed that many of the 100 persons who attended the board meeting in support of the lake issue lived in Belleville, and were not residents of the township. "I am only interested in the township," she said.

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A commission spokesman
said that a number of options
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A spokesman for the food
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Square-mile area holds smallest city in state

SAT JUN 17 1972

By CATHY BONADEO
Of The Press Staff

"I think we're the biggest little city in the whole world."

So says Mayor Royce Smith as he surveys the square-mile area that makes up the city of Belleville.

Located off the I-94 expressway between Detroit and Ypsilanti, Belleville is the smallest city in Michigan in terms of area, and the second smallest in population. But a geographic location that is "better than any other town in the U. S." has helped the city to grow, says Smith.

When he became a resident of the Village of Belleville in 1938, the town boasted a one-man police department and a block-long business district, he said. "The changes I have witnessed have been unbelievable," said Smith.

"Back in '38 we had three paved streets," he explained. "Now, we have a seven-man police squad, a driver licensing bureau that is busy all day long, one of the largest home-owned food stores in the state, and a four-man department of public works."

The village was governed by a president and four trustees, said Smith. Since incorporation into a city in 1947, he said, the government is run by a mayor and four councilmen.

"Our most rapid growth as a city is occurring right now," he said, "although I don't look for the city to grow too much more. Future growth will have to be in the township—we don't have room!"

Although there are only four plotted lots left in the city proper, Smith said that there is a possibility that the city might acquire an acre or two of additional land if it is available.

"Most of our growth and improvements will be with what we have," he said. One of the most recent is the new post office that the city built.

"The old one was a store front business," he chuckled, "and they had to rent floor

space in other buildings to handle the Christmas mail."

When Smith became Mayor in 1964 the city instituted a civil service program with paid Blue Cross insurance and a Michigan State employee retirement fund. This, along with a hook-up into the Detroit water system and the downriver sewage system, have enabled the city to function more efficiently on a smaller budget, he said.

Five years ago, says Smith, the city was able to reduce taxes by 2 mills. Although a one-mill levy was later returned, the taxes are still lower than they were years ago.

"One of the main reasons that council and I don't have any major improvements planned is because we don't feel the townspeople can afford higher taxes at the moment," he said.

"For example, we have three miles of road that needs pavement, but there are a lot of people in Belleville with 100-foot lots, and that would cost them \$15,000 apiece," says Smith.

"But I am optimistic," he said. "We will eventually get government money to help out."

"One of his favorite dreams says Smith, is to establish a total recreation program for city and township residents.

The city started this year, on an experimental basis, a free all day bus service to Lower Huron Metropolitan Park.

"We have bent over backwards trying to think of things we can afford to do," said Smith.

He explained that during the week, the park is almost deserted because many people don't have transportation or don't like to drive.

"I think we will be most heavily utilized," he said, "by senior citizens, housewives without cars, and the kids."

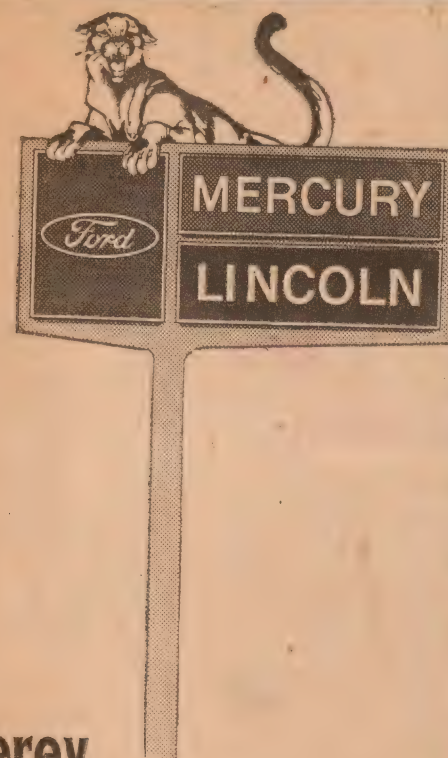
Kids in Belleville, he says, are the "best bunch in the whole world."

"We don't get any trouble from the kids in Belleville," he said. "Most of the people our police come in contact with live somewhere else.

"It's these kinds of people," he concluded, "that make me love this community."

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Cattle on Main St. 'not unusual' then

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By ANN LINDNER
Of The Press Staff

"A town with great possibility," is the way Chamber of Commerce Executive Secretary Ted Kuckelman describes Belleville.

Although some of the other areas around Detroit have experienced more increase in population, Kuckelman believes that Belleville will see a tremendous growth.

"It's inevitable. The town is in the path of progress. People must come here to get to major airports and universities," he explained.

Many changes have come to Belleville, and Kuckelman foresees even more.

"As Belleville becomes more urbanized, younger, more aggressive people will move here. Belleville will lose a great deal of its small-town flavor. Thirty years ago I could walk down the street and call everyone I met by name. Now over 30,000 get their mail out of the Belleville post office," he remarked.

Saying that he has seen everything from prohibition to pollution, Kuckelman thinks that modern young people are wiser because they are more mobile and can get around and meet more people.

In old times, Belleville residents would walk five miles to the corner of Belleville Rd. and Michigan Ave. to pay 25 cents for a street car ride into Detroit.

"Now, even if they are sitting at home, they can watch television. These experiences make them smarter," Kuckelman commented.

When asked if Edison Lake, made in 1925, had influenced Belleville, Kuckelman answered, "Double 's' yes."

He said that many professional people from Detroit live in Belleville around the lake, but problems exist, he said.

When the lake was formed as a result of a dam built by the Detroit Edison Company to furnish power for a hydroelectric plant, no laws governed the construction of such a lake.

"The land was not cleared properly and many people have drowned because they got caught in debris on the bottom of the lake. It was constructed for a functional purpose and is now being us-

Belleville (history)

ed for recreation," Kuckelman said.

The township is trying to buy the lake and property from Detroit Edison, but Kuckelman believes a lot of money needs to be put in upkeep.

"It's just like a marriage," he said. "Getting married doesn't cost much. It is the upkeep that gets expensive."

In the city's infancy, the lake which was then the southerly bank of the Huron River, supplied the power for flour and saw mills.

As Kuckelman sees a Belleville with a great potential, Darryl H. Raymond sees a Belleville with a great past. Sitting in the pleasant living room of the century-old home in which he has lived for 49 years, Raymond opened a scrapbook filled with newspaper clippings and photographs, and remembered.

"In the old days, we never locked our doors. Now they are never unlocked. We were always welcome in anyone's home. If there was food to eat, we shared it. If there was no food, that was all right too."

"We were satisfied with so much less," Raymond remarked. "For Christmas we might receive nothing but an orange, an apple, or a bag of popcorn. But we were happy."

"It was a different way of life. If we had work to do, we did it. Nobody was going to give it to us. I never hurt myself by working, and I don't think anyone else ever did either."

To earn \$18 to buy a bicycle, Raymond worked six months for \$3 a month. "It was a lady's bicycle, but it was the only one I ever had, and I was proud of it," he remarked.

Often he would break a one penny lead pencil in half so he could have two pencils.

"But don't get me wrong," he added quickly, "I have no regrets. I got into plenty of mischief, but I never hurt anybody or stole anything."

Although the days when everyone in Belleville knew everyone else are gone, Raymond says that he and his wife were active in many community organizations and projects, and people still recognize him on the street and ask about "mother."

Her snow white hair combed into soft waves, Mrs. Raymond's eyes were pert and lively although a stroke has limited her movement and speech.

Before her marriage, she taught eight years in a nearby one-room school house, and then substitute taught for 18 years.

She smiled as her husband talked, and with gestures and a few syllables added to the story occasionally.

Raymond was born near Belleville in November, 1889, and the village in which he grew up differs greatly from the modern city of today.

Main Street, now lined with shops and offices offering every kind of service and convenience, was bordered with hitching rails instead of parking meters during Raymond's childhood. Professional bicycle races were held on Main Street.

It was not unusual to see a whole herd of cattle walking down Main Street on their way to the cattle yards along the railroad.

The Wabash Railroad, now carrying only freight, ran its first train through the town in July, 1881. As a boy Raymond was paid \$3 a month to put up the switch light for the railroad. His job included walking over a mile to put it up at night and walking the same distance to take it down

in the morning, in addition to cleaning the light.

Raw milk was brought from the country in bottles to be shipped to Detroit on the railroad. Local buyers would dip their pail into a big container filled with fresh milk.

"At that time we ate the germs, and it tasted good anyway," Raymond said with a grin.

Raymond remembers exact locations of wagon shops, blacksmith shops, and an Ar-

my recruiting station where men enlisted to fight in the Spanish American War.

In describing local merchants, Raymond told of a buggy salesman who was so smooth he sold a Victrola to a deaf and dumb couple. Later Raymond admitted they had children without handicaps.

The busy corner where Belleville's comfort station now stands at Victory Park used to be a pig pen "with mud a foot deep" according to Raymond.

Ice houses were important before days of electric refrigeration. Ice was cut in the winter time and stored in saw dust for use in the summer.

Raymond worked in a grocery store and can remember farmers bringing in butter and eggs to trade for grocery staples such as crackers and cheese.

A large hall in town was used for shows and dances. "After a late dance, my cousin and I would jump in his buggy and the horse would take us straight home without a line to give him direction," Raymond said.

Another of Raymond's childhood jobs was to crawl up in the bell tower of the Baptist church whenever there was a funeral. "I had to ring the bell as soon as I saw the procession coming toward town and not stop until it arrived at the church," he explained.

At one time, Detroit sent its raw garbage in open train cars to silos east of Belleville. As a child, Raymond would watch as they dumped the cars using a crane, sorted out the silver and money, and filled tanks with garbage. After steaming, the juice would be sold to soap factories and the by-product would be used for fertilizer.

Celery was raised in a large garden in Ypsilanti, close to where the Ford Plant parking lot is now located. Raymond would take orders from Belleville residents for the celery and bring it back in large containers, roots and all.

Although some modern means of entertainment were not yet invented, Raymond and his childhood friends never lacked for things to do. Instead of skiing, they rode on bobsleds standing up.

Playing baseball was often done with someone in the outfield with a pitch fork, making sure the game would not be interrupted by an angry bull.

A swimming hole was located near Liberty Street, and the children would race to see who could get in first, beginning to undress as soon as they left the street. "We bathed in the nude, way back in the woods," Raymond said.

Every youthful resident of Belleville looked forward to the annual appearance of a man who came to town with a brown bear. Even if school was supposed to be in progress, the children managed to be there as the man wrestled with the muzzled bear and challenged the children to do the same.

Raymond occasionally took the streetcar to Detroit to see a ball game. "After the game we would go downtown to see a show on Woodward Ave., which was then made out of brick. We would have to run very fast to get back to the depot before the last train left at midnight, but we never missed it," he related.

During most of his formal schooling, Raymond lived with a family close to the school, doing their chores in return for room, board and tuition.

In 1911 Raymond paid \$75 for a year's education at Cleary College, then located on the corner of Adams and Michigan in Ypsilanti.

"So that students would be awake for his commercial law class, P. R. Cleary opened the windows for the five minutes allotted to change classes, even if it was 10 degrees below zero. Sometimes the class was half over before we warmed up," Raymond recalled.

But he added, "I have never regretted the courses I took there. They have helped me in every job I have had."

Raymond wiped his eyes in distress when he talked about modern automobile accidents, saying, "When there was no television, we didn't have to worry so much."

Except for a few years, Raymond has spent his entire life in or near Belleville and he concludes, "I eat and sleep well, and I have had a good life. I have a lot of friends, both black and white, and that's better than money."



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SECRETARY FORESEES GROWTH
Progress is 'inevitable,' according to Ted Kuckelman

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The Ypsilanti Savings Bank signed its original State Charter in April of 1887. The Bank is the only bank in the area that is still on the Original State Charter,

In reviewing the bank history through over a three quarter century march of progress, it is significant to give recognition to the far sightedness of its organizers; Stephen Moore, Robert W. Hemphill, Sullivan M. Cutcheon, Mary Ann Starkweather, Don C. Batchelder, Howard Stephenson, Henry P. Glover and H. R. Scovill who subscribed to 500 shares of capital stock forming the corporate existence of the Ypsilanti Savings Bank on May 1, 1887. The bank's founders and subsequent directors have established and maintained a solid foundation for the bank in their leadership, directing its affairs in harmony with the community's growth and prosperity.

The bank has had seven presidents . . . Don C. Batchelder, Robert W. Hemphill, Edgar Rexford, M. M. Read, John P. Kirk, Mathew Sinkule, and at present James Warner.

The bank, through the past 85 years, has seen the the area grow from a small college town of only a few hundred inhabitants to a thriving city and surrounding townships having a total population of approximately 66,000. With the completion of two major state express highways passing near Ypsilanti, indications are that the area will continue to grow, yielding greater business possibilities through present plant expansion, new industries and increased employment.

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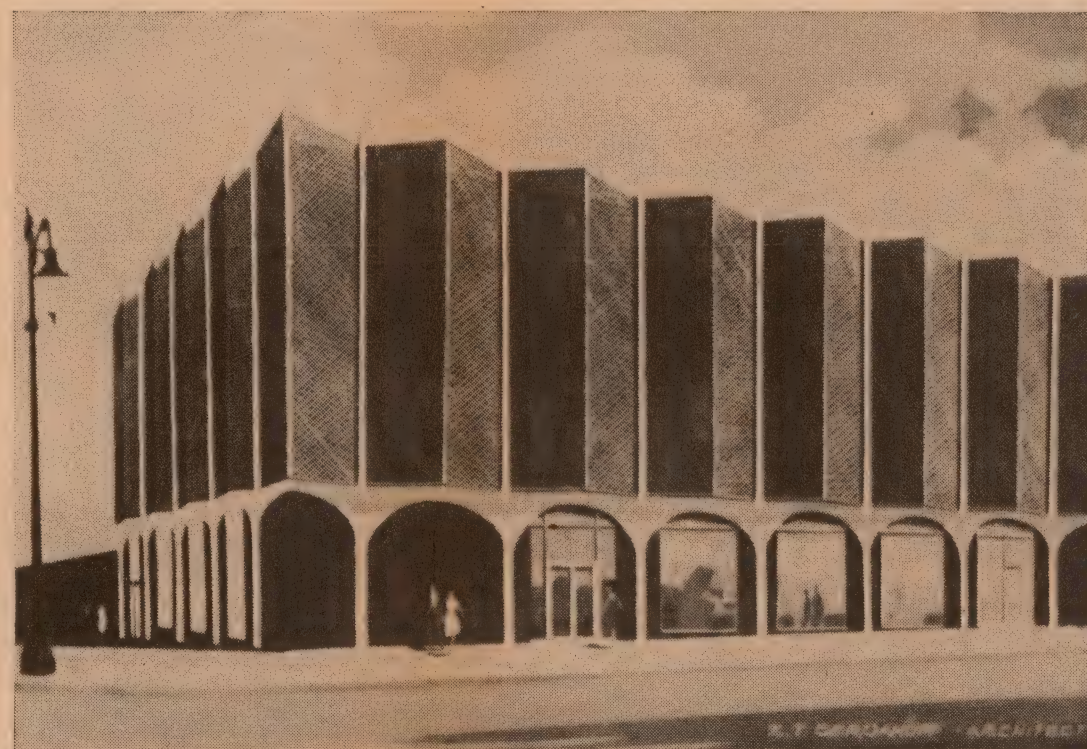
We Remember . . . this latter sentiment was given practical expression here in a cast iron drinking fountain, which used to stand on the east side of S. Huron St. near the Ypsilanti Savings Bank. The somewhat ornate fountain was designed so that horses, people and dogs could all slake their thirst from it.



We Remember . . . what was the then new Ypsilanti High School. It was authorized by a vote July 13, 1914 and cost \$122,000. Construction was begun in February, 1915 and was completed and occupied a year later.

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SAT JUN 17 1972

By CATHY BONADEO
Of The Press Staff

Although community hospitals are not dying as medical care becomes more sophisticated and specialized, the role of the small hospital, especially in the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area, will begin to change in the next few years.

This, agree hospital administrators at Belvil, Saline and Beyer Memorial hospitals, stems from the non-competitive atmosphere under which non-profit hospitals operate.

"The role of Belvil Community Hospital," says hospital administrator W. E. Hinchey, "is to meet the basic needs of the surrounding community, not to rival Wayne County General."

The 70-bed hospital typically treats cases that do not involve immediate danger to life. Setting broken bones, suturing deep cuts and per-

forming minor surgery are among the common tasks of the self-employed medical staff.

"In cases of serious injury," Hinchey said, "initial treatment is of great value." The hospital is an asset to the community because, although major surgery is not performed at Belvil, doctors can keep a seriously ill or injured patient "hanging on" until he is transported to a larger facility.

"For example," he said, "we wouldn't treat a serious burn or cardiac case here with the sophisticated equipment of the University Hospital or St. Joe's so close."

"But we can keep patients alive until they are transported to those facilities," he explained.

The hospital opened in 1953 with about 40 beds, said Hinchey. Reflecting the growth of the community, this number

increased to its present amount in less than 20 years.

Since Hinchey began working at Belvil in 1966, he says he has seen great changes in the operation. The hospital has since established a full time pharmacist and Blue Cross participation, something he says that most hospitals could not survive without.

"If people can not get some of their medical costs deferred by their health insurance, why would they use your hospital?" he asked.

Although he hopes to expand facilities to "totally meet the needs of the community," Hinchey said that reflecting a national trend among small hospitals, Belvil has eliminated its obstetrics unit.

"Deliveries have fallen off so much in the past few years that we found we were losing money by operating that unit," he said.

Obstetrics nurses are trained specifically in that area, he explained, and must staff the nursery whether it is full or empty.

In keeping with this philosophy, 26-bed Saline Community Hospital has also abolished its obstetrics unit. The area is now filled with additional beds which, according to office manager Virginia Cook, are "needed to survive."

"Medicine is becoming more specialized," she said, "and we find that many patients go to Ann Arbor where they can get more specialized treatment."

Like Belvil, Saline Community Hospital primarily sees cases that are not immediately life-threatening, such as appendix and tonsil surgeries, broken bones and minor illnesses.

Opened in 1959, Saline is operated strictly from patient

revenue on a non-profit basis. Doctors are self-employed, with the exception of the night-time emergency staff employed by the hospital.

"We did not raise our prices from October 1967 until January 1970," said Mrs. Cook. Along with fast, personal service, this is one advantage of the community hospital that huge medical complexes cannot offer, she said.

"Hospital rates must support expenditures," says Beyer Hospital administrator Alan R. Case, explaining rising hospital costs.

Although Beyer is a non-profit organization, any unspent funds in the yearly budget are put back into the hospital with equipment purchases, said Case.

"Hospitals are becoming more aware of the necessity of introducing the community

to the problems of running a hospital," she said.

The Beyer Board of Directors, he continued, reflects an effort to afford community members an active voice in the hospital management.

"We have housewives, assemblyline workers and businessmen on our board," he said.

Originally built in 1916, the 25-bed hospital was operated by the City of Ypsilanti until 1945.

At that time the Michigan Legislature created provisions for a hospital authority by a special act which permits cities, villages and townships to join together for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating community hospitals.

In 1945 Beyer hospital had 154 beds.

A new facility opened in 1970 at a cost of \$10 million.

reflects the growth of the area since World War II, says Case.

Beds for 170 adults and 32 babies serve an area that has grown from nine communities in western Wayne and eastern Washtenaw counties to 23.

"Beyer was the first Peoples Community Hospital Authority hospital in Michigan," said Case, "and I think its success indicates a trend toward consolidating hospitals, sharing services between them."

Citing the closing of obstetrics units at Belvil and Saline, Case said that a large percentage of area babies are born at Beyer.

"Our unit is almost always busy," he said, "but with the numbers of women who choose to have their babies here, I can see why it was not economical for Belvil and

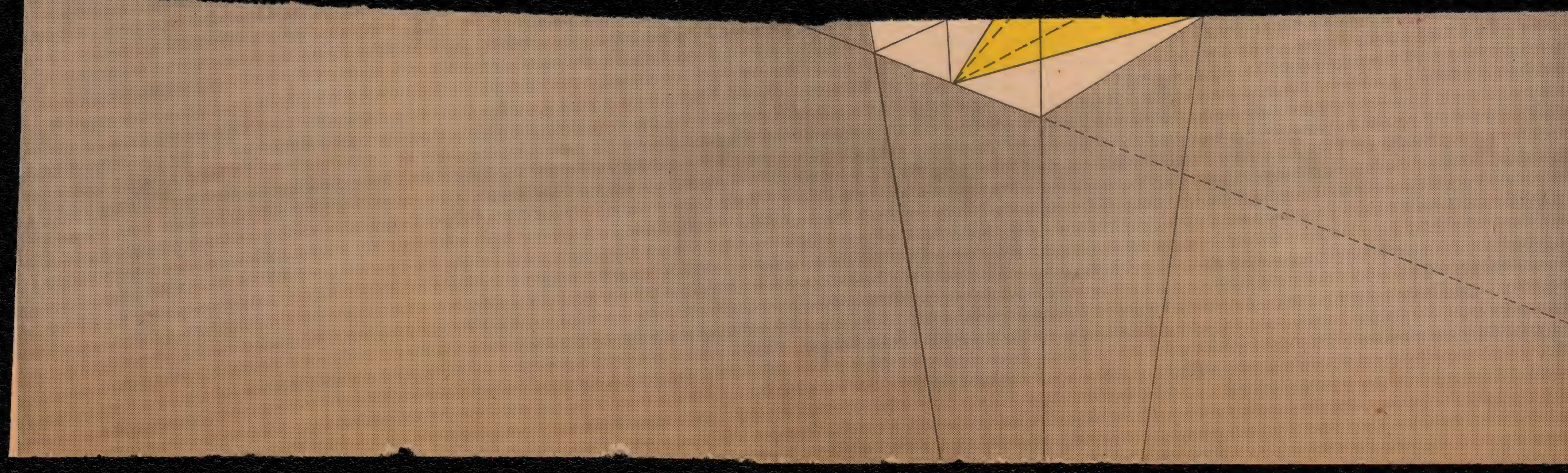
Saline to continue their units."

Authority hospitals have the advantage of sharing not only facilities, but also laundries and quantity orders of food and equipment, he said.

"Some new hospitals are eliminating obstetrics altogether," he said. "I think we will see a trend in centralized obstetrics units shared by several hospitals, although I doubt that we will ever see a real trend back to home deliveries."

Because the cost of operating a hospital has become so high, says Case, another trend in an effort for more economical operations is towards larger hospitals.

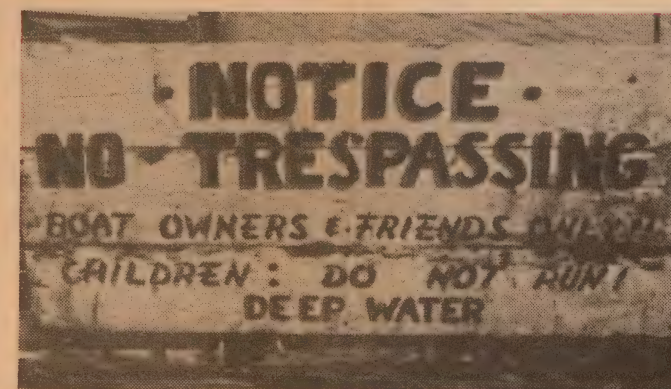
"We have just recently seen four mergers in Detroit and Bay City," he said. "Large hospitals merge because they can offer more facilities and a broader scope of services."





SAT JUN 17 1972

Peaceful marina harbors boats on Belleville Lake.



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—PRESS PHOTO

Model condominiums completed

MON JUN 19 1972 *(housing project)*
Recently completed at 400 Robb St. in Belleville are four model condominiums developed by Landey W. Box and Harold W. Har-

ris of Belleville. Plans call for the construction of 24 additional 2-in 3-bedroom units to be ready for occupancy by late fall.

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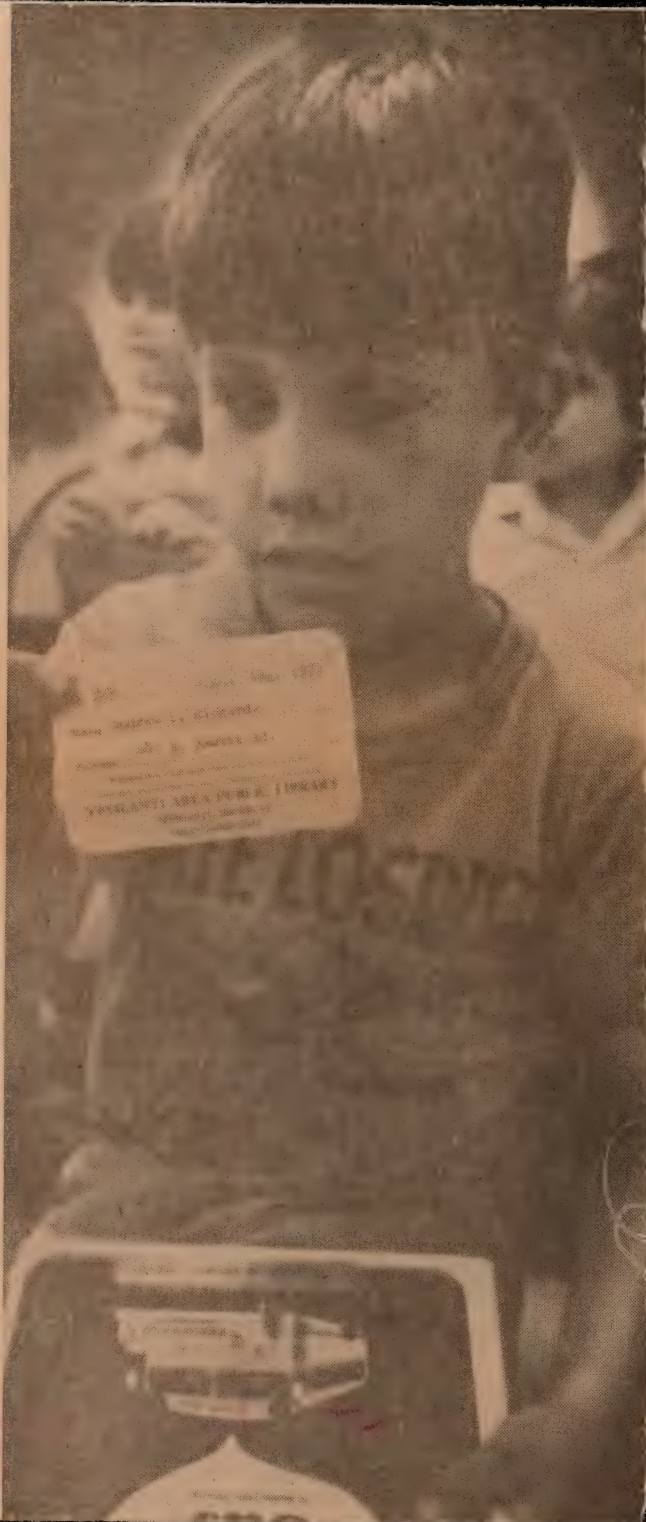
diving team.

Deputies said Johnson and Don Maschat of 334 Jarvis St. were about 50 feet from shore when they left the boat along with Donald Isaac of 1523 Harvest Lane. Isaac apparently got back in the boat and the other two continued swimming.

Maschat said Johnson got about half way to the shore when he started yelling for help. Maschat said he tried to help his friend but was pulled under the surface himself. He said he managed to break away and swam back to the boat.

PHOTOS BY SUMNER FOWLER

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Hospital work begins

\$50,000 allocated for remodeling

BELLEVILLE —A \$50,000 remodeling program is under way at Belvil Community Hospital, hospital administrator William E. Hinchey has announced.

Upgrading of four departments, which has been delayed by pending litigation in Wayne County Circuit Court, will include new equipment and quarters for the laboratory and X-ray and pharmacy departments and improved documentation in the medical records department.

"Medical records is a crucial area in any hospital," Hinchey said. "We have to document everything we do."

While proposed major expansion has been held up by the same lawsuit, Hinchey said improvements now under way will involve no additions to the 70-bed hospital, but "will give us more working area with the present structure, and will enable us to give better service to the community." The hospital serves Belleville and residents of surrounding communities.

The \$50,000 improvement program and future expansion have been held up by a lawsuit initiated by Dr. E.S. Alford, co-founder of the hospital, who is seeking recovery of alleged financial interest in hospital facilities. The case is before Judge James Montante.

The improvements were approved by the hospital board of directors at its May meeting.

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Two local men drowned in separate swimming accidents Sunday afternoon, less than

High court

Antitrust don't a

WASHINGTON (AP) — The court today concluded that baseball is not engaged in interstate commerce and thus to lift its exemption from antitrust laws.

The 5-3 decision, delivered by Justice A. Blackmun, said "if there is any consistency or illogic in antitrust laws, it is in the fact that they are not applied to baseball."

Belleville council acts:

Public hearing set on rezoning

TUE JUN 20 1972

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BELLEVILLE—The Belleville City Council will hold a public hearing July 17 on a request to rezone approximately 50-acres to a trailer park designation.

The public hearing date was set Monday night during a regular meeting of the council.

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The property is presently zoned R-1, a low density residential designation. The Belle Vista owners are asking that it be changed to R-T, a trailer park designation.

In other business, the council reappointed four members to the city's 9-member planning commission.

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The council also agreed to hold a "garage sale" to dispose of various articles which the city has accumulated over a period of time such as bicycles, tools and miscellaneous machinery.

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Drum majors drill

Ypsilanti High School's new drum major and his assistant practice the precision march they'll need to lead the band down the football field in the fall. The new drum major, chosen by a vote of the entire band, is Bob Kelly. His assistant (left) is Donzel Bradberry. This is the first year an assistant has been named.

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Drug program is scheduled

WED JUN 21 1972
BELLEVILLE — A drug information program for parents will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Belleville High School auditorium. The program will be conducted by Carl Berry, narcotics officer for the Plymouth Police Department, and Dr. James Doyle, director of Plymouth Project D.R.U.G.S.

The speakers will discuss the history, p h a r m a c o l o g y and social aspects of drugs. It may include a talk by a former drug addict.

tional studies, George Washington University, in the nation's capital, began a three-year degree program in the fall of 1971. Others are under way, about to begin or under study at Dartmouth; Emory University in Atlanta; Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Beloit (Wis.) College, and St. Louis (Mo.) University.

Louis G. Geiger, a Colorado College history professor, sounds a note of caution, calling the trend a new threat to the liberal arts college's central mission. "As faculties and administrators become more and more uncertain

Group plans another meeting to consider Belleville Lake

TUE JUN 27 1972

BELLEVILLE — Methods to give Van Buren Township residents another chance to decide if they should accept Belleville Lake as a gift will be considered tonight by an informal citizens' group.

The Detroit Edison Co. has offered to give the lake and the adjacent Edison Pointe Park to the township on the condition of approval by township voters.

In an advisory vote on May 16, township voters had voted against accepting the utility company's offer.


Since then, some township

voters have asked the township board to place it on the ballot for reconsideration. In two separate votes, the board has refused to place the question on the Aug. 8 ballot.

At tonight's meeting, a

Detroit attorney is slated to explain what legal recourse is available to place the question on the November ballot.

The 8:30 p.m. meeting will be held in the Belleville High School cafeteria.



enforcement officers have located the submachine gun used in the hijacking of an American Airlines jet and \$500,000 ransom, the first solid leads since their search began Saturday.

Officers resume today hunting for the young man with pock-marked face and open sores who they believe probably was killed as he parachuted from the jet over north-central Indiana.

Indiana State Police Capt. Rex Dillman, who has been coordinating local efforts in

jacker ordered it from St. Louis to Toronto.

Martin said the search was

Boyle ge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Union "Tony" Boyle was sentenced to \$130,000 today for making illegal union funds.

Boyle, 70, suffering from a tight-lipped as U.S. District Judge sentenced him to the sentence.

As a condition of Boyle's sentence, the judge ordered him to post the \$130,000 amount with the court.

The judge further ordered Boyle to keep his own pocket and restrain him from

Justice Department prosecutor sentenced him to the sentence.

Blair

Van Buren board rejects committee on lake

WED JUN 28 1972

By WES THORP
Of The Press Staff

BELLEVILLE — Efforts to form a committee to study the Belleville Lake and Edison Pointe Park question were stymied last night with another 3-3 vote of the Van Buren Township Board.

The board deadlocked on a proposal by Trustee Joseph Hogan to form a committee to study all aspects of the township receiving the lake and adjacent park.

The Detroit Edison Co. has offered to give the 6-mile long lake and the park to the township dependent on a favorable vote of the township residents.

AREA

"I propose that the board endorse setting up an 8-man factfinding committee to go into all ramifications of the lake and the park," Hogan said.

"Then we can put this matter on the November ballot with the facts as found

by the study committee."

He said the township's payment of the costs for the operation and maintenance of the park through a millage should also be placed on the ballot.

Hogan, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for

township supervisor, emphasized that such expenses should be paid for from a millage and not from the township's recreation fund, which has been estimated to be more than \$200,000.

The fund is derived from a commission which the township is paid for each cubic yard of sand which is mined on its sand pits.

According to Hogan's proposal, four members of the committee would be named by himself and four by Supervisor G.E. Gollwitzer.

Reacting to the proposal, Trustee Patricia Cullin asked what would happen if there was a 4-4 split of the study committee.

"I can't visualize that being a problem," Hogan said.

Two previous 3-3 votes kept the Township Board from putting the question on the August 8 primary ballot.

Gollwitzer said, "The only subject is whether we accept the lake and park, and you're talking about whether we should keep it."

"If we owned today and found too much of a burden, we would not have any trouble getting rid of it."

To avoid a split vote of a study committee, Mrs. Cullin suggested that a 7-member committee be formed with each board member naming a person to the committee.

Remaining adamant about his proposal, Hogan said, "If you don't think it's worth considering, than forget it."

He then said, "I'll let you (the Republicans) name five members and I'll name four."

With none of the Republican board members giving a positive response, Hogan said, "If you're not receptive, than I guess it's hopeless."

Gollwitzer said, "I'm perturbed by this seeming irresponsibility of passing up a valuable gift."

Voting for Hogan's proposal were Clerk Erma J. Payne, Treasurer Frederick P. Birk and Hogan. Opposing it were Dominick W. Blend, Mrs. Cullin and Gollwitzer. Trustee

Jerry Maton abstained from voting.

Because of his employment with the Detroit Edison Co., Maton maintains that his

voting on the issue would be a conflict of interest.

Township Attorney Thornton Hopson told the board that it was the only body which

could decide to put the advisory question on the ballot.

State statutes require, he said, that advisory questions be placed on the ballot only

through the action of the local legislative body.

This would rule out the circulation of petitions for a referendum.

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Keep Busy

Stories, photos
by John H. Cob

heavy smoke and water damage. The apartment on the second floor, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. V.L. Preslar, owners of the market, was heavily damaged as was the third floor apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ray and family. The Rays with three young children woke the Preslar family and fled down the fire escape.

The building at 27 E. Cross St. contained the Emmanuel Full Gospel Church on the ground floor which apparently was not damaged, but one of two apartments over it had some smoke and water damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Chapman and their three children who occupy the rear third floor apartment had the kitchen gutted when flames worked their way up the fire escape.

The two apartments over the furniture store were destroyed. Tom Gottman and an unidentified male friend were sleeping in the back apartment when they smelled smoke. They woke Loretta



Seek 2nd vote on lake:

Citizen groups form

FRI JUN 30 1972

BELLEVILLE — Interest in placing the Belleville Lake and Edison Pointe Park advisory question on the November ballot in Van Buren Township has resulted in the formation of two citizen's committees.

One is a research commit-

tee, responsible for investigating the costs of operating and maintaining the lake and adjacent park.

The other is a political action committee which will work to elect candidates to township office who are in favor of the township acquiring the lake.

The Detroit Edison Co. has offered to give the 6-mile long lake and 100-acre park to the township, on the condition that township residents give their approval.

On May 16, township residents voted against an advisory question which asked

them whether the township should accept the property and whether an authority should be set up to administer it.

Since then, the township board has cast two separate 3-3 votes on whether the question should be placed on the Aug. 8 primary ballot, thus defeating the measure.

Township officials have indicated that the utility company has given the township until November to take another vote of the people.

The two committees were formed Tuesday night during a meeting of township residents who met at Belleville High School to discuss ways of getting the question placed on the ballot again.

Detroit attorney advised the group against an attempt to place the question before the voters through a referendum. For referendum, petitions would be circulated asking that the question be given a second chance.

To help pay the legal and other expenses of the two committees, persons attending the meeting contributed approximately \$300.

Appointed chairman of the over-all effort was Donald Carlson, a member of the Township Planning Commission; treasurer, Bernard Boyd and secretary, Kathleen Kuerth.

"We'll never miss it"

Looking backward ... through The Press files

5 YEARS AGO

June 30, 1967 — A state charter for a third general services bank in Ypsilanti is being sought by **William C. Bryan**, assistant professor of finance at Eastern Michigan University, and eight associates. An application for a charter was delivered Wednesday to the state banking commissioner, **Charles D. Slay**. Slay said the criteria for awarding charters are the need for a bank and the integrity of the applicants. Applications are ruled on within 30 days of acceptance. If approved, it will be called the Washtenaw State Bank.

Tracing the highlights of the nearly 12 months since he was hired as executive director of the Peoples Community Hospital Authority, **D.R. KARL S. KLIKA** last night urged harmony among board members now that the **Kenneth W. Gremore** question "is now completely and totally closed." The 56-year-old administrator also expressed "surprise" over some directors whose votes "on important issues clearly reflect the political position they hold in their communities. Their votes seem to be cast primarily on the basis of how their vote will look to their constituents when it appears in print in the local

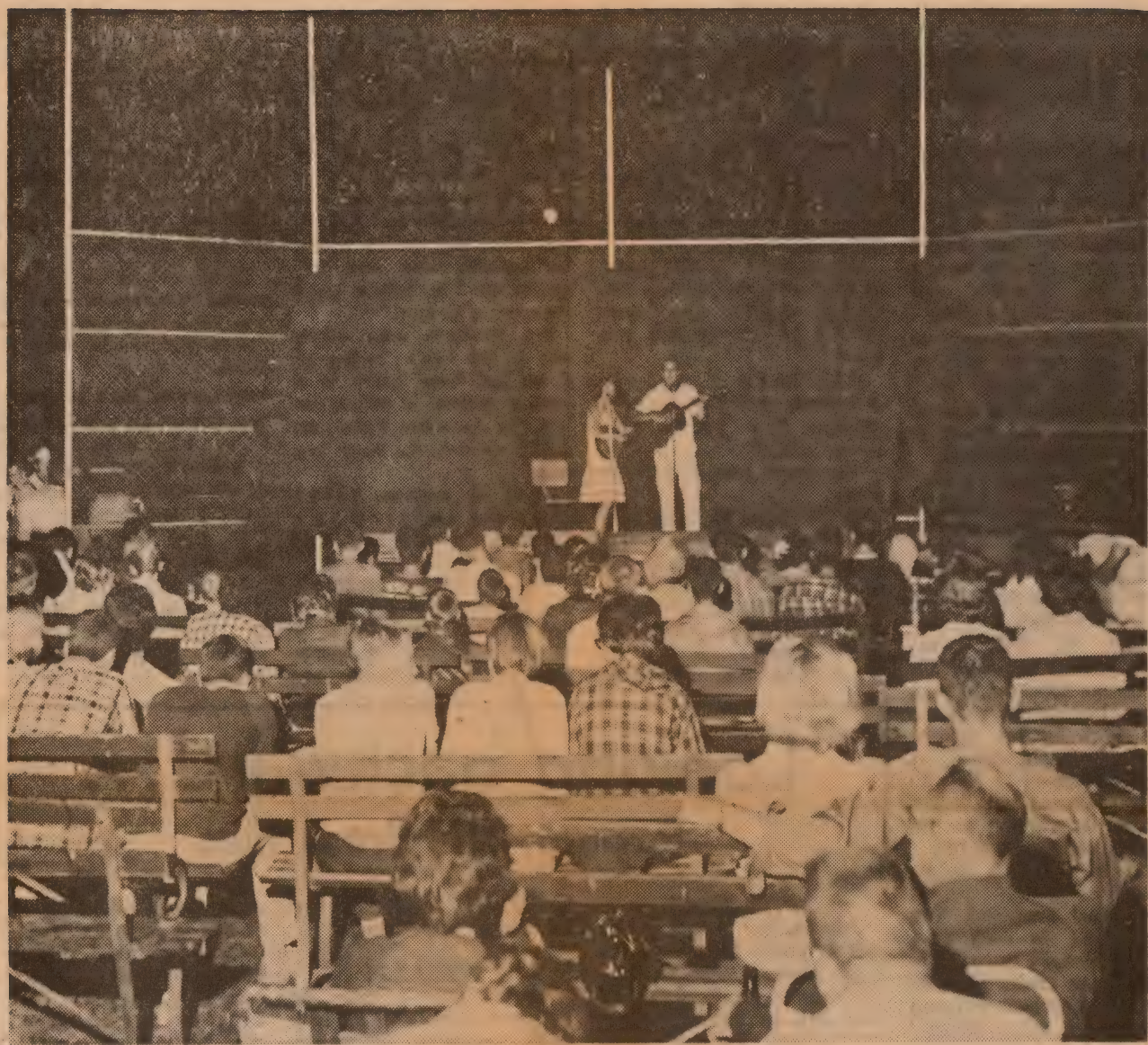
year as they were a year ago, when Cupid made his greatest record.

65 YEARS AGO

Another was assassinated just inside his office door one morning. Another local has just paid an old mob leader \$60,000 for nothing.

Still another local official had his union hike a real estate purchase from the regional Mafia boss so the crime boss could pick up an easy \$60,000. All these and more are building and construction unions led by local barons who run their provincial dukedoms as though they were isolated worlds floating in some dinosaur age.

But now the route takes a different twist. There is mass



Van Buren Township faces this problem

If you were offered a lake for free . . . ?

SUN JUL 16 1972

BELLEVILLE — If someone offered you a lake, a couple of islands and a 100-acre park for free, would you take it?

Specifically, would you take Belleville Lake and Edison Pointe Pass, a 101-acre peninsula which juts out into the lake?

This is the question facing Van Buren Township residents in light of the Detroit Edison Co.'s offer to give both the lake and park to the township.

Before accepting the utility company's offer, the township board decided to get the feelings of township voters.

The advisory proposition on the lake also had another purpose. The township board had hoped that a strong vote in favor of accepting the property would strengthen the township's case against the expansion of Willow Run airport.

The federal government would frown on granting funds for expansion of an airport which would fly aircraft directly overhead a major recreational area, they hoped.

With the federal government's concern about the environment, the township officials reasoned that the airport expansion would be doomed.

Airport expansion

Proposing expansion of the airport is the Wayne County Road Commission. According to its preliminary proposal Willow Run would become a major air freight and general aviation airport.

On May 16, 1,801 Van Buren voters indicated that they didn't want the township to take possession of the lake and park, compared to the 1,384 who thought it should.

Since then, a vocal group of township residents, some of whom have organized into a committee to "save the lake", have been asking for another chance to vote. First, they asked that the question be placed on the August primary ballot.

The township board responded with two separate tie votes where three members voted to place the advisory question on the summer ballot and three against, with one abstention.

With the board's double rebuff, the pro-lake residents are pushing to place the question before voters in November.

If Van Buren voters can't make up their mind by then the Edison Co. has indicated that it will look for someone else to either give or sell it to.

The lake in question was created by the Edison Co. around 1925, when it built a dam in the vicinity of Haggerty Rd. and I-94 for the generation of electricity for the area.

Expensive homes

The six-mile long body of water which cuts the township in half has approximately 25 miles of shoreline which is lined with expensive homes.

The lake is part of the Huron River which flows from Livingston County, through Washtenaw County and down through Wayne County where it flows into Lake Erie.

Sticking out into the lake is Edison Pointe Park near Rawsonville Rd., a 101-acre peninsula which was developed several decades ago for the recreational needs of Edison employees.

The park is sub-divided into several recreational areas. Included are several ball diamonds, fully-equipped playgrounds, a pavilion, a clubhouse which includes a dance floor and large screened-in porch and a campground which has room for more than 100 tents and trailers.

Other features of the park include a beach which is roped off into sections which vary according to depth and an outside theater which has a

stage and seats for showing movies or staging productions.

Membership fee

To use the park facilities, Edison employees pay a \$2 annual membership fee to the Belleville Pointe Association which maintains and operates the park.

The pro-lake people blame lies and distortions for the defeat of the advisory question on May 16 about accepting the Edison offer.

At township board meetings, they pointed to flyers which they say were circulated throughout the township immediately before the election and signed with "Concerned Citizens."

This "night flyer", as they call it, contains what are labeled as seven "facts." The sheet charges that the township would lose an excessive amount of tax base by accepting the lake package which it purported to be one-third swamp land.

Other "facts" on the flyer state that Edison was sued for \$250,000 because of a drowning on the lake and that the only reason township officials are pushing for the lake proposal is because they live on the lake.

To correct these situations, the township residents who want the lake asked the township board to put it on the August ballot.

First vote taken

On June 13, about 100 people jammed into the township hall garage to make their case. The vote was taken with Township Clerk Erma J. Payne, Treasurer Frederick P. Birk and Trustee Joseph Hogan voting against the request.

Voting for it were Supervisor G. E. Gollwitzer, Trustees Dominick W. Blend and Patricia Cullin. Trustee Jerry Maton explained that because

INSIGHT

Van Buren Township residents have been wrestling with a lake for some time now and the winner is still undetermined as the subject has proven a bit difficult to get hold of. The lake in question is called Belleville Lake. It is owned by Detroit Edison Co. and virtually splits the township in half. Edison has offered the lake and a 101 acre park that goes along with it to the township — FREE. Residents rejected the offer once but a large number of them have evidenced a change of heart and have been trying to get the township board to put the question back on the ballot again. So far, the board hasn't been able to agree to do that and as Press Staff Writer Wes Thorp found out during a series of interviews and a week of research recently, the wrestling match is still far from over.

he was employed by the Detroit Edison Co., he would abstain to avoid a conflict of interest.

One week later and one day before the deadline to place the advisory proposition on the August ballot, the board met again with more than 100 residents packing the township board.

The second vote was the same as the first, with three Republican board members voting for it, three Democrats against it, with one Democrat abstaining.

To give township voters another chance with the lake question, the

disgruntled citizens formed a study committee and a political action committee.

The study committee has been charged with obtaining facts about all phases of the lake, specifically those which costs money. These include how much it would cost to operate and maintain the dam and the park.

Political action

Pushing their cause from another angle, the political action committee was formed to push for election of township officials who sympathize with

their pro-lake cause.

There appears to be organized opposition to the township accepting the lake and park.

One group which has taken a firm stand against the proposed property transfer is the Huron Valley Conservation Association.

In a position-type paper, the association cited five reasons for opposing the acceptance of the Edison offer. "At the present time, Belleville Lake is, in reality, a closed private lake," it said.

Ownership of the lake by the township, the group said would allow the construction of storm sewers which would empty into the lake.

It emphasized that there are other governmental agencies which "are better equipped to turn Belleville Lake into a recreation facility." Named were the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority, the State Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Why the deadlock?

If most everybody seems to be for the lake and the park, then why the deadlocked township board?

The three dissenters on the board have expressed concern about how the township would finance the costs of maintaining and operating both the dam and the park.

"The park is really in a nice setting," Township treasurer Birk said. "There's no question in my mind that we need recreation."

"However, I don't see how you can do this without any costs," Birk said. "If we would attach a millage to the park question I would then favor putting it on the ballot."

"It's really nice to say here this is a gift," he went on. "But you don't get something for nothing."

Still pressing on his mind, he said was the negative vote which was cast against the township taking the lake. "With the majority of the people voting no, I got the message that they told me that they didn't want the township to accept the lake," Birk said.

A similar opinion was expressed by Mrs. Payne, the clerk, who said, "I believe that 1,801 people have voiced their opinion."

Mrs. Payne, who is not running for re-election said she would favor the township taking the park, but not the lake and dam.

First proposal made

"I can't foresee the township being able to take care of the liability for the lake and the dam," she said.

Trustee Joseph Hogan, who is running for the Democratic nomination for supervisor, was the first to propose that the advisory question be tacked to a millage for recreation.

"I maintain that it would cost the taxpayers of Van Buren Township approximately one and one-half mills of the township's properties assessed value to operate and maintain these facilities."

He also said if the millage was tied to the acceptance of the lake, he would then support putting it on the ballot for a second chance.

Gollwitzer, who is running for his second term as supervisor, and who originally proposed that the township take the property, has compiled a list of ideas on how the park can be used to pay for itself.

A schedule of nominal fees could be established for use of park facilities. These would include:

- Rental fees for trailers and campers on a daily or weekly basis.
- Boat launching fee.
- Club house rental fee for groups, parties, etc.
- Rent park areas to outside groups such as service clubs and school groups.
- Seasonal passes with a one-half to one-third cut in price for township residents.
- Fees for day camp for children from ages 8 to 12.

Ice skating rink

For the winter time, Gollwitzer suggested that an ice skating rink could be constructed with fees charged for rentals to groups and individuals.

Regardless of whether or not this is done, Gollwitzer maintains that the township should take the lake and the park.

About the board's reluctance to place the question back on the ballot, he said, "I'm perturbed by this seeming irresponsibility of passing up a valuable gift."

If the lake and park are found to be a real liability to the township, Gollwitzer says that the township can always sell them with a substantial profit.

It has been suggested that the board use the more than \$200,000 which has been accumulating in the township's recreation fund.

The money comes from a royalty which the township charges Newman Sand Co. for excavating sand at 39730 Tyler Rd.

Park is foreseen

According to Gollwitzer, the fund was established with the eventual idea that the mining operations would stop and a park would be constructed in its place.

The money would be used to make the necessary improvements to the property with its upgrading for use as a township park.

Louis Toth, the former supervisor (Concluded on next page)



Reporter recalls witnessing execution

(Editor's Note: The writer was among a group of newsmen who witnessed what could be the last execution in the United States because of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling against the death penalty.)

By ROBERT E. COX
Copley News Service

If it was any consolation on that rainy, blustery night in early June five years ago, Luis Jose Monge wanted to die.

He had wanted to be hanged publicly on the steps of the Denver Courthouse where he had been tried and sentenced to death. He preferred that,

he said, to "being gassed like a bug."

He had wanted to plead guilty to first-degree murder. The state would not allow that, even though there was never any question of guilt. Monge, who once had been a dedicated father, had bludgeoned to death his pregnant wife and one of their sons, killed another son by choking him, and fatally stabbed one of his daughters.

It was only the pleas of a dying son that finally stopped the horror, Monge said in his confession.

There had been witnesses: several of his seven other children.

Some of the 17 newsmen who had been invited to witness the execution at the state penitentiary in Canon City needed no consolation. They had been through it before. One told me this was his 23rd. Some, like me, needed all the reasons we could find. It was our first.

We arrived at the prison as a minor squall blew out of the Arkansas River Canyon, pelting the prison and two or three anti-execution pickets in

front with cold rain and tiny pieces of sand kicked up by the gusty wind.

The pickets, members of the Colorado Council to Abolish Capital Punishment, had expected participation from more protesters.

"Must be the weather," one told us as he huddled against a car.

Prison guards rarely smile. That night they smiled even less. Conversation was limited, and soft to the point of a whisper.

Prisons are normally noisy. That night, the sounds were

amplified in the silence. Whenever a gate was latched or unlatched, it seemed as if everyone in town heard it. As we waited in our barred holding room, the warden was calling the governor, who would not stay the execution.

We were taken to the Death House and for 15 minutes, which seemed like an hour, we milled about, made small talk, stomped out cigarettes and gazed out the windows.

Through the glass windows of the gas chamber could be seen The Chair, and beneath it, the mechanism which would swing open and drop the pellets of cyanide into a pot of acid beneath.

Finally, at 8:01 p.m. Friday, June 2, 1967, Luis Jose Monge appeared in front of the chamber door, facing us, flanked by two guards, and stepped into the chair. Before he turned to sit with his back to us, he looked through the window at us, ringed around the brass rail.

Some of us were embarrassed.

The ritual continued. Two guards, one on each side, strapped Monge's arms to the arms of the chair. His legs were locked by leather thongs to the front. A doctor attached a monitoring device to his chest.

In his left hand, Monge clutched a black Rosary wrapped around his wrist so that it would not fall after his life had gone.

What seemed to be an interminable string of doctors, priests and prison officials then entered the chamber, one by one, to bend low over Monge and whisper goodby.

The ritual, to many of us, was by now annoying.

"Why in the hell don't they get it over with?" someone whispered behind me.

Finally, the last man had said goodby.

The big door — similar to

a watertight ship's door — swung shut, and then was sealed into a seal by the turning of a wheel. Moments, maybe minutes, went by.

Monge, working the beads of his Rosary, dropped his chin slightly and his lips began moving in prayer. All was silent.

The trap dropped. Everyone, except perhaps the warden who pulled the lever, jumped.

The sound seemed tremendous.

As the pellets hit the acid and began to dissolve, invisible fatal fumes began to rise in the sealed chamber. Monge, acting on advice he had been given previously, inhaled deeply.

A man becomes unconscious

with the first breath of cyanide, doctors say. But his body fights beyond that. Monge strained, and tensed, and pulled against his bonds. He groaned, long and low. Gradually, his body's reactions began to slow.

But, by then, some of us had turned away, feeling as if we had been party to a private matter in which we had no business. When we turned around, the body was still.

About 20 minutes after Monge had entered the chamber, we were led out of the room.

Warden Wayne Patterson met us in his office. Monge had donated his eyes to a nearly blind boy in Buena Vista, Colo., Patterson told

us, and before he had been led from his cell, he had given Patterson a religious object he had made from cigarette packages.

Patterson never liked capital punishment. But he was never hesitant to admit that it was he who pulled the lever.

"I wasn't hired to espouse my views," he told me later. "I was hired to do a job, and I wouldn't want to ask one of my men to do it because I didn't want to."

We filed brief stories from the warden's office and left.

At the first bar, we stopped. I had two double shots of bourbon and walked out, as sober as I was when I entered.

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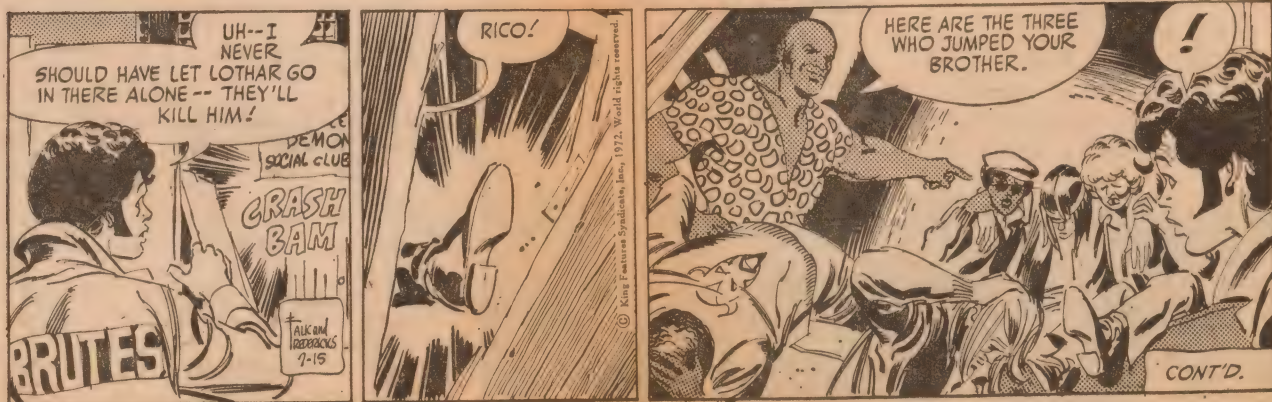
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HORSESHOE PITS — This row of horseshoe pits is one of the many recreation facilities at the Detroit Edison park on Belleville Lake. Detroit Edison wants to give the lake to Van Buren Township.

Mandrake the Magician



Kerry Drake



Mark Trail



Guns, cash are stolen from area apartment

Jack L. Scharp of 2744 Golfside Dr. told deputies his apartment was entered. Stolen were two .22 caliber revolvers, a rifle, two watches and \$105 cash.

Gabriel's Italian Steak Shop at 2585 E. Michigan Ave., was entered early Wednesday. Sheriff's deputies said the building was ransacked and a portable television and a five band radio stolen.

Gobel Ratliff of 51 Riley Ct., tire, boots, clothing and tools stolen from car parked behind Chumley Chevrolet Sales at 1180 E. Michigan Ave.

The Michigan Redi-Hung Door Co. at 110 S. Harris Rd. was entered, according to State Police, who said two electric drills were stolen.

Goffs Ceramic Shop at 2487 E. Michigan Ave. was entered, but nothing taken.

Thomas Nowak of 205½ W. Michigan Ave. told city police his home was entered and an air conditioner, two suit cases, two pairs of pants and a television set stolen.

Joel R. Molitor of 313 W.

Forest Ave. told police his apartment was entered and \$178 stolen.

The Burger King Restaurant at 823 E. Michigan Ave. was entered, according to State Police, but nothing stolen.

Camera and stereo music equipment worth several thousand dollars were stolen from an Ypsilanti township home.

Sheriff's deputies said the house at 930 Grove Rd. occupied by Robin Blunder and William Moore was entered and a truck believed used to haul the items away.

Stolen were a stereo unit with two speakers, turntable,

amplifiers. Also stolen was a slide projector, two cameras, battery pack, four lenses, tripod light meter, air conditioner, 50 records and other items.

St. Matthews Methodist Church at 1344 Borgstrom St. was entered, according to sheriff's deputies who said nothing was taken.

Joel Clark of 4960 Belleville Rd. told troopers his home had been entered. Stolen were two electric adding machines, three radios, a combination radio-record player, and a bank with change.

Carl's Restaurant at 36 E. Cross St. had been entered by three youths who stole food and \$6 in change.

Male clerks sell lingerie

LONDON (AP) — Sam Morris, head of a fashion store chain, hopes to boost his lingerie sales. Morris has seen strong men go weak at the knees when they ask girl sales assistants for underwear for their wives. So he's opened a "blush bar" staffed by men in one of his London stores.

"A man can handle one woman at a time, but put him in a shop full of them and he panics," says 48-year-old Morris.

Black shows set at center

NEW YORK (AP) — "Soul at the Center," a two-week black celebration, will be held at Lincoln Center for the first time this summer.

There will be 13 events in Alice Tully Hall and three in Phihamonic Hall.

Participating will be Jerry Butler, chairman of the board, the Rev. James Cleveland, Exuma, Nikki Giovanni, Donny Hathaway, Linda Hopkins, Rahsaan Roland Kirk and the Vibration Society, Labelle, Taj Mahal, Carmen McRae, Novella Nelson, Eddie Palmeri and Harlem River Drive, Esther Phillips, Rod Rodgers, Dance Company, Mongo Santamaria, Nina Simone, Cecil Taylor, National Black Theater, Bobby Womack and others.

Tax savings are predicted

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The state administration estimates an average Kentucky family of four will save \$65 yearly under the current biennial budget.

The 5-cent sales tax on food will be removed in October while the gasoline tax has been increased 2 cents a gallon.

Looking backward... through The Press files

25 YEARS AGO

July 16, 1947 — The second annual picnic for blind summer students enrolled in Michigan State Normal College will be sponsored July 22, by the Ypsilanti Lions Club. Activities to follow the picnic include a tour of Rackham School under the direction of Dr. Leslie Butler of the Normal College faculty and a half hour demonstration to be given by blind students.

Exterior construction on the new addition to the Michigan Bell Telephone Company building has been completed and plastering of the interior is nearly finished. The increased need for room to accommodate more switchboard equipment warranted the addition. The present 25 position board will be increased to 39 positions. A new 50 person capacity employe cafeteria,

lounge and cloak rooms are included in the addition.

45 YEARS AGO

July 16, 1927 — Forms for the concrete walls of the new wading pool at Recreation Park are being laid with the possibility of starting to pour cement today. The pool is expected to be completed some time early next week. The tank, which replaces an old one, will be 40 feet long and 20 feet wide and is in the shape of an oval. A six inch concrete floor will be laid. The water in the tank will range from 16 inches in depth at one end to 20 inches at the other.

65 YEARS AGO

July 16, 1907 — A party of five women arrived in Ypsilanti this morning on an east bound electric car. They got off the car at the corner

of Cross and Washington Streets to go to the Michigan Central depot and in making the change left a handbag containing the jewels belonging to the four parties in the car. When they discovered they were minus the handbag they at once communicated with the D.J. & C. electric road and by quick work on his part the diamonds were received from the car at the Ypsilanti waiting room.

Lumber mark to be set

WASHINGTON (AP) — United States in 1972 will set an all-time record of about 46 billion board feet, according to estimates for the year by the National Forest Production Assn.

"The building industry accounts for between two-thirds and three-fourths of all lumber consumption in the United States with variations depending largely on the strength of home building," said NFPA Forest economist, Dr. John Muench Jr.

Muench said a domestic consumption level of 46 billion board feet would represent a gain of 20 per cent more than the 1970 consumption level, which was a relatively sluggish year for both housing and lumber. He attributed the bulk of the gain this year to the current housing boom.

Good advice

LONDON (AP) — Doctors at Middlesex Hospital have been investigating how to avoid that morning-after feeling. Their conclusions: Stick to clear alcohols such as gin, white rum or vodka in preference to red wine, brown rum and whisky, which are heavier in hangover-inducing elements. They also recommend a tablet of fructose or fruit sugar while going home from the party.



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Still pressing on his mind, he said as the negative vote which was cast against the township taking the lake. With the majority of the people voting no, I got the message that they told me that they didn't want the township to accept the lake," Birk said.

A similar opinion was expressed by Mrs. Payne, the clerk, who said, "I believe that 1,801 people have voiced their opinion."

Mrs. Payne, who is not running for re-election said she would favor the township taking the park, but not the lake and dam.

First proposal made

"I can't foresee the township being able to take care of the liability for the lake and the dam," she said.

Trustee Joseph Hogan, who is running for the Democratic nomination for supervisor, was the first to propose that the advisory question be tacked on a millage for recreation.

"I maintain that it would cost the taxpayers of Van Buren Township approximately one and one-half mills of the township's properties assessed value to operate and maintain these facilities. . ."

He also said if the millage was tied to the acceptance of the lake, he would then support putting it on the ballot for a second chance.

Gollwitzer, who is running for his second term as supervisor, and who originally proposed that the township take the property has compiled a list

State approves tiny annexation

MUN JUL 17 1972

BELLEVILLE — The State Boundary Commission recently approved annexation of less than a half-acre on the south side of Belleville Lake into the city of Belleville.

The commission said the annexation of the .33 acres, located just north of the old city limits in Van Buren Township, will become effective on Aug. 1.

In approving the annexation request, the commission said it found no objection from either Belleville or Van Buren Township.

The commission said the request is not in conflict with existing land use plans and the proposed annexation is a natural extension of the city.

The lakefront property, which includes an apartment complex, has a state equalized valuation (SEV) of \$106,247, according to the commission.

The annexation petition was filed with the commission on Sept. 2, 1971, and three subsequent public hearings were held.



Belleville seeks anti-busing amendment

TUE JUL 18 1972

By WES THORP

Of The Press Staff

BELLEVILLE — The Belleville City Council entered the school busing controversy last night by unanimously passing a resolution requesting passage of a constitutional

amendment prohibiting forced cross-district busing.

Introduced by Mayor Royce E. Smith, the resolution also states the mayor and the council will do everything within their power to protect the "community school" con-

cept.

The council passed the resolution even though the Van Buren School District, which includes students from Belleville, will not be affected by a recent court order for cross-district busing to

desegregate Detroit area schools.

Council members indicated the resolution was for moral support to those who were affected.

Suggested in the resolution was a joint meeting between

the council and the Van Buren Board of Education to discuss steps "to maintain the community school concept."

The resolution, Smith said, was sent to Belleville by the city of Riverview, which asked that the council pass it and

that it urge other Wayne County governmental units to do the same.

Riverview also asked Belleville representatives to attend a public meeting on busing to be held in Riverview on Wednesday.

**Door open
for busina**



Belleville okays trailer rezoning

TUE JUL 18 1972 (Zoning request)

BELLEVILLE—After a public hearing last night, the Belleville City Council gave unanimous approval to the rezoning of 40 acres for an addition to the Belle Villa trailer park at 955 Sumpter Rd.

The addition, located immediately south of the present park, would be for only adults more than 40 years old without children.

Before the rezoning from a designation for single family homes to one for trailer parks, several persons spoke against the rezoning at a public hearing.

The two most vocal opponents of the zoning change were John Christenson of 151 E. Huron River Dr., a member of the Belleville Planning Commission which recommended approval of the change, and Mrs. Christine Kuzara of 43 Chaney St.

Christenson questioned the amount of tax base which would be raised by construction of an addition to the park.

He said he would "much rather see single-family homes in that area than trailers."

Councilman Nelson J. Boone answered, "I personally think that's the best tax base we can possibly get out there."

After someone from the audience suggested that possibly low-cost housing could be constructed in the area, Councilman Thomas Hamlin said, "Those nice looking brick homes won't hold up as long as trailers."

Mrs. Kuzara, who lives in Van Buren Township across the street from the proposed addition, said "The trailer park would not be a desirable addition to the area. You should make things so people want to live in Belleville."

"Why don't you take a survey of the people asking them what they think about the community and about the type of housing that they want to see built."

She also questioned whether or not the city had any long range land use plan for the city.

"Everything is being thrown out there without any planning," she said.

Mayor Royce E. Smith answered that the city has a

master plan and the area in question had been designated for residential use.

After learning that Mrs. Kuzara lived in the township, and after being asked now the residents in the township who live near the proposed addition would be affected, Smith said, "Quite frankly I'm not too concerned about what Van Buren Township thinks we're doing."

He said the township's re-

zoning actions had affected the city much more than the trailer park would.

Another woman asked whether the property could be used for industrial purposes.

Because of quicksand on the property, Mayor Smith said, the area isn't suited for industrial use.

The woman answered "Well, maybe the trailer park will disappear into the quicksand."

resolution

CINCINNATI, Ohio (AP) — The door is open now for the Detroit-area school busing issue to be appealed, and hopefully resolved by the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

Up to now, the appeals court has refused to hear an appeal of the broad issues in the cross-district busing dispute involving Detroit and 52 suburban school districts.

Monday, the Cincinnati court heard attorneys in arguments limited strictly to whether nearly 300 schools buses should be purchased immediately.

But at that hearing, the three judges invited a broader appeal.

The court extended indefinitely the stay they had placed on U.S. District

thousands of students' between districts to fulfill Roth's court order.

After Monday's hearing, Michigan Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley said he was "encouraged" by the court's decision. He was just one of the state officials who filed suit to stop the purchase.

Monday's ruling came in response to a motion by State Solicitor General Robert Derengoski who argued that delay of the purchase order would be in the public interest.

The ruling will remain in effect until Judge Roth issues a final desegregation order or until he takes steps to make his interim order appealable.

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Belleville mayor favors 2nd vote

WED JUL 19 1972

BELLEVILLE — Belleville Mayor Royce E. Smith, a candidate for state representative from the 22nd District, says township voters should have another chance to decide whether or not they want Belleville Lake.

Such a vote would be justified, he said, because "there were conflicting literature and statements produced in the last election when the offer was rejected by voters."

The Detroit Edison Co. has offered to give the 6-mile long lake and the adjacent Edison Pointe Park to the township as a gift.

An advisory vote taken on May 16 resulted in the majority of those voting deciding against accepting the Edison properties.

Many of the residents claim that misleading literature about the lake had been circulated immediately before the election resulting in the negative vote.

Since then a group of township residents have asked the Township Board to place the question on the ballot for a

second time. The board has deadlocked on the question on two separate occasions.

To determine the costs of maintaining and operating the lake and park. Smith said a committee should be formed.

He said residents living on the lake could possibly pay a tax based on the amount of lake frontage they own to fund the lake's costs.

"I feel I have many friends living on the lake and those with whom I have discussed the matter thus far seem thing reasonable for it," he said.

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Belleville Lake issue slated for spot on November ballot

WED JUL 26 1972

BELLEVILLE—By switching tactics, pro-lake members of the Van Buren Township Board have won their battle to place the issue on the November ballot.

The first move came two weeks ago in a 4-3 vote by the board to appoint a recreation committee, charging it with the responsibility for "improving recreation" in the township. The committee came up with a decision that since recreational facilities have been inadequate in the past, "a good foundation to build a bigger system" was needed. The committee, in its report to the township board Tuesday night, concluded that Edison Pointe Park and Belleville Lake should be part of this system.

"Therefore," the report said, "We have decided on the following wording to be placed on the ballot of the general election on November 7, 1972:

"Shall the Township of Van Buren accept Edison Pointe Park, Belleville Lake and certain surrounding lands presently owned by the Detroit Edison Company as a gift?"

An advisory vote proposition on the same question failed on May 16 by a vote of 1,801 to 1,384.

By giving the recreation commission free reign to improve recreational facilities, the township board, in effect,

authorized it to take any steps necessary in that direction.

The board had been deadlocked for several months, with Republicans voting for and Democrats voting against placing the issue on the November ballot. Trustee Jerry Maton, a Democrat, and an employee of Detroit Edison, had abstained from voting because of a possible conflict of interest.

Maton, however, voted along with the Republicans, Supervisor G. E. Gollwitzer, and Trustees Dominick W. Blend and Mrs. Patricia Cullin in the motion to create the recreation commission,

along with the resolution outlining its duties.

Voting against any attempt to resurrect the issue, both in the form of a vote by the board and the decision to create the recreation commission, were Democrats Erma J. Payne, township clerk, treasurer Frederick P. Birk and Trustee Joseph Hogan.

Hogan called the move by pro-lake forces and the recreation commission an attempt to "smuggle it through."

"I question the devious means by which this has been accomplished," he said. He added that the cost of maintaining the lake and park should also be put on the ballot.

Gollwitzer told the board, "Operating costs can be almost anything, depending on what we do with it (the park and lake)". If the board does not like the wording that will be placed on the ballot, he said, there is an opportunity to change it. He argued, however, that adding a cost factor would be one way of losing it. Another, he said, would be to "wait around until Detroit Edison gives it to someone else."

The board voted to request the recreation commission to study the cost of operating the property and approved a request by the Van Buren-Belleville Democratic Club to have the township board make a similar study.

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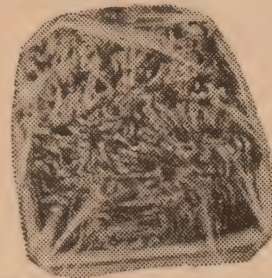
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Curb cut tabled

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TUE AUG 8 1972

BELLEVILLE—City council last night moved to table a request by a Marathon dealer for a curb cut on his property until the next council meeting when all members of council are expected to be present.

A curb cut involves removing a section of a curb for the addition of a new driveway. City council must approve such action since the ingress and egress of traffic involves a city street.

Presiding for the absent Mayor Royce Smith, Councilman Ellis Amerman requested to council that a decision would be made in two weeks.

Marathon dealer Charles Bowers, present with Chuck Baisch of the planning board, asked the council to approve a new entrance to his Marathon station on Wabash St. to alleviate the traffic jam in his parking lot.

The Planning Board approved the new curb cut.

"Mayor Smith called me tonight and said that all the homeowners on that street (Wabash) did not want the curb cut," stated Amerman.

"But with only one entrance," Baisch said, "it causes a bottleneck in my parking lot."

The original proposed curb cut included the elimination of a tree. The plans were changed to have the curb cut moved an additional 20 feet to have the tree remain.

Council moved that the proposal be on the agenda of the next meeting.

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For Belleville Lake

Boat launch is planned

BELLEVILLE — Belleville Lake is going to get a new boat launch ramp, which could bring in a storm of activity from persons living outside the area. Or it could be a blessing in disguise, depending on the point of view.

The State Dept. of Natural Resources has purchased 11 acres of land in the middle of the south shore, and plans to develop a parking lot for 100 cars, rest rooms, and launching facilities along 750 feet of frontage.

"It will certainly bring in more people," Keith Wilson of the natural resources department, said. The facilities will likely be included in the 1973 budget, he said, at a cost of at least \$30,000.

The decision was made on the basis of the lake's proximity to large population centers.

"The state attempts to acquire property on lakes that will serve the greatest number of people," Wilson said. "On a state-wide basis, we are looking for larger lakes."

Belleville lake covers 1,270 acres, making it one of the largest lakes in southeast Michigan, and also one of the few in Wayne County.

Funds will be made available from state boat taxes, and no plans are in the making for developing the site for recreation which would have to come out of recreation bond funds. This, however, does not preclude any future development, Wilson said.

According to Township Supervisor G. E. Gollwitzer, as long as the state has gone this far, the township may be in a position to ask the state to contribute to maintenance of the lake, should township voters in November accept the lake from Detroit Edison.

"It may turn out to be a blessing," he said. He also pointed out that the township operate a public launching facility, but cancelled the lease on the property because of lack of use.

The lake, though owned by Detroit Edison, has never been private, he said. Because of private launching facilities already available to the public for a fee, the lake has always been accessible to the public anyway, he said.

Neither does he believe that the new launch, which will be the only public boat facility, will make too much difference in the number of people using it.

Because of its distance from Detroit and other larger cities he said, "I can't conceive of too many people stopping by." Besides, he said, "It's nothing that has been growing by

leaps and bounds."

Lawrence Krantz, who lost to Gollwitzer in a bid for the republican nomination for supervisor, doesn't agree.

"When you open the lake to the public you're going to have people coming in from surrounding areas. There is going to have to be some control," he said.

Krantz has taken the position in the controversy surrounding takeover of the lake from Detroit Edison, the township would not be able to maintain or control use of the lake without the help of state or county agencies.

"It would seem the public would have a right to use the facilities" he said. But he pointed out that in other situations where the state has built similar facilities, problems with too many boats, oil and gas residue, sewage and litter have mounted.

According to the department of natural resources, the site has been designed within existing uses, and does not exceed the capability of the lake. Use would be controlled by limiting parking to 100 cars.

According to Krantz, parking lot limitations would not necessarily preclude the lake from being overrun with boats.

"What happens is that people launch their boats and

park their cars and trailers downtown," he said.

He agreed, however, that opening up the site could have advantages in that it may be possible to get the state to pay part of the cost of the dam, park and lake.

"They should pay more than their share if it's going to open up," he said. Ownership by the township, he added, would be "offering a recreational facility to the public at our expense."

McGovern wraps up 4-day cam

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Sen. George McGovern wraps up a four-day campaign swing through the Midwest tonight after accusing Henry Kissinger of political junketeering and calling fellow Democrat John B. Connally a stooge.

McGovern's comments about Kissinger came in a sharply worded rebuke Thursday to White House suggestions that the South Dakotan could have imperilled the Paris peace negotiations by making his own inquiries of Hanoi's representatives about American prisoners of war.

The Democratic nominee told newsmen in nearby Racine, Wis., that the real threat to the peace talks is Kissinger's "highly publicized global junket on the eve of the Republican convention."

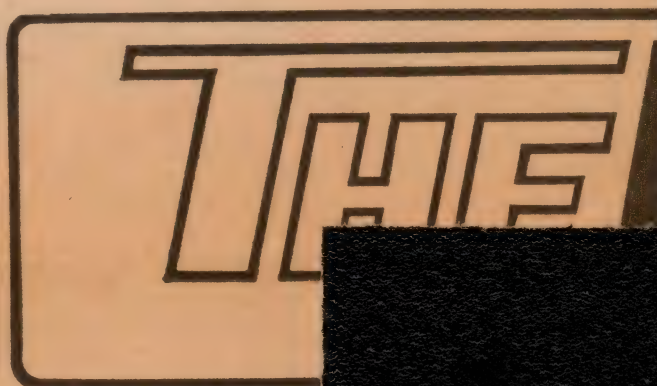
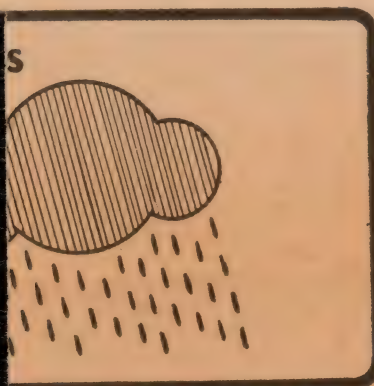
President Nixon, McGovern said, has "manipulated Mr. Kissinger and American public opinion to appear to be negotiating when actually he has been stalling to prop up Gen. Thieu's government in Saigon."

"That is what is interfering with quiet, serious, professional negotiating far more than anyone else could

possibly do," he said.

McGovern's schedule today called for only one public appearance, a midday tour of the Eaton Corp.'s drop-forge plant. He was to spend the rest of his time filming television spots before returning to Washington late tonight.

On one such filming session Thursday, political film-making Charles Guggenheim took the candidate and a few newsmen to a machine-shop area of Teledyne Wisconsin Motors for an hour-long exchange with laborers.



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Belleville denies exit for business

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BELLEVILLE — A small but determined group of citizens proved to the Belleville City Council Monday night that what's good for business isn't necessarily good for the neighborhood.

About a dozen residents of Wabash Street appeared before council members to present arguments against a curb cut on their street to make way for a new exit from Stewart Distributors, Inc., automotive distributors.

The council denied the request by the firm on the grounds that its driveway on South Street was sufficient to take care of incoming and outgoing traffic.

According to the residents, Wabash, an unpaved and 1-way street, was never intended for such traffic as the driveway would constitute; would be hazardous to children living on the street; and, they argued, the present driveway provides sufficient turnabout room for semi-trucks doing business with the firm.

Company owners had argued that the curb cut was included in the original plot plan for Marathon Oil Co., owners of the property through which the driveway would run. The city council must approve such action, however, because ingress and egress of traffic involves a city street.

In other business, the council

— Approved the appointment of Jean Baumdraher, deputy city clerk, as acting tax assessor, to replace Irwin Stech, who retired last spring.

— denied a request by Art Monks to create a special assessment district to provide a sewer connection to his property on Sumpter Road.

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Belleville okays money for facilities

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BELLEVILLE — The Belleville City Council voted Monday night to apply \$29,000 toward its share of the debt for water treatment facilities at the downriver Wyandotte plant. The \$29,000 is the amount left over from the city's portion of bonds sold to pay for the original cost of the facilities. Belleville is among the municipalities served by the Downriver District Water and Sewage Disposal System.

Mayor Royce Smith also said the 21 per cent increase in water rates imposed by the water district could be absorbed through increased useage and the cost would not be passed on to local customers.

In other business, the council

— Voted to invest \$25,000 of water department funds in certificates of deposit.

— Voted, subject to approval by the city engineer, to grant permission to the Detroit Edison Co. to install an underground cable from Davis Street to the Hamilton-Richardson property on East Columbia Street

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Belleville C of C looking for Santa

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BELLEVILLE — The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for a new Santa Claus. And if it doesn't find one, the city of Howell is going to get a lot of Santa Claus equipment.

The gift of the equipment was offered to the Chamber of Commerce by Mrs. Eugene Gribble of Romulus; widow of a beloved old gentleman who played the role of Santa Claus to Belleville children for more than 23 years. Mr. Gribble died this summer at the age of 51.

"Mrs. Gribble is willing to donate these things if we perpetuate the program that was so dear to Mr. Gribble's heart;" said John Hollowicki of the Chamber of Commerce.

"We need a big-hearted, generous soul, probably a retired person, who would be willing to take Mr. Gribble's place and get this thing continued on. We will pay whatever we can afford;" Hollowicki said.

The job would be for about three weeks prior to Christmas. The Chamber would prefer somebody who would work the full three weeks rather than on a 1-day basis.

"You just can't change Santa Clauses every day of the week;" Hollowicki said.

If no Santa can be found; Mrs. Gribble probably will give the equipment to the city of Howell, which is also interested, Hollowicki said.

The equipment includes a uniform, sleigh, reindeer and other Santa Claus paraphernalia and a 12x60 foot van to carry it in.

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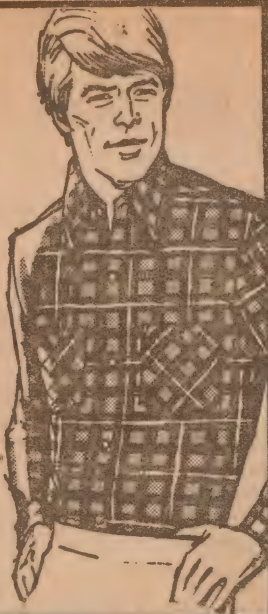
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Belleville mayor takes on big guys

BELLEVILLE — Mayor Royce Smith is on the war-path again. It's those big city fellows over in Wayne County who are always trying to impose their wills on the little fellows. *Belleville City Council (gen)*

Last time it was the Wayne County Stadium Authority. Smith challenged the constitutionality of its plan to finance Detroit's proposed riverfront stadium and won.

This time it's the county bureau of taxation, which has served notice that the city treasurer is now responsible for collecting the county's share of the city's delinquent personal property taxes.

Not only that, but the county wants its money now, even though the taxes haven't been collected.

"They'll walk all over you," Smith said at last Monday night's city council meeting.

"The county says there shouldn't be any delinquent taxes. We should have collected them last year," Deputy City Clerk Jean Baumraher fumed.

When she called the tax bureau and asked how to go about collecting the taxes, Mrs. Baumraher said, "They told me the treasurer can take an officer with her, padlock the building and hold an auction."

Asked if he was going to send the county its check for \$880, Smith said, "Nope. I think it's time for another lawsuit."

City attorney B. Ward Smith was directed by the council to check into the legality of the situation.

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Belleville will study street paving

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BELLEVILLE — The Belleville City Council tonight will discuss the costs involved in paving the remainder of Belleville's streets.

Of 9.75 miles of city streets, only about one-half are paved. Brender & Hamil, city engineers, are expected to advise council members on preliminary costs for paving the remainder 4.82 miles.

Costs would be paid through a special assessment of property owners after a public hearing. Federal funds are available for storm sewers, however, which must be installed before paving is completed, Mayor Royce Smith said.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the municipal building.

Understanding program, which places students with a host family for the school year. Ingrid's hosts are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Korotney of 40801 Harris Rd. Jimmy is living with the Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Wood at 17 N. Biggs.

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The language barrier is creating some difficulties for Jimmy, a tall, soft-spoken but good humored young man. He says the only way to overcome the language gap is to "keep listening."

Communication presents no problems for Ingrid, who bubbles over with enthusiasm for life in rural Sumpter Township and the excitement of school activities.

"I'm a person who could live anywhere," she says in precise, British-accented English. She adds, "I think I could write a book about the fun I've had since I've been here."

"I never stood on roller skates before," she says. "But I was invited to a roller skating party, and fell twice — on my 'end.' I didn't know anything about baseball but

Road work

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BELLEVILLE — City
Council learned Monday
night that paving for 4.8
miles of Belleville streets
will cost in the neighborhood
of \$1.5 million.

The estimate provided by
Brender & Hamil, city
engineers, included
sidewalks, curbs and storm
sewers and 7 inch concrete
for 36 foot wide streets.
Because of the varying
districts involved, no
estimate was made on the
cost to the individual
property owners.

The overall cost would be
about \$28 per foot on each
side. Council members
asked for a cost breakdown,
but could not agree on
whether it should be by
street or assessment
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will file against the Michigan Department of State Highways to get the I-94 entrance and exit ramps reinstated.

In response to a question from Trustee Willie D. King, questioned whether the expense of such a suit would be justified.



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Date hazy for transfer of lake to Van Buren

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BELLEVILLE — The Detroit Edison Co. wants to give it away, and the people of Van Buren Township accepted it by a vote of 2-1, but the actual transfer of Belleville Lake to the township probably will not come for at least another year.

Township Supervisor G. E. Gollwitzer said Edison Co. officials have told him Edison Pointe Park, included in the gift, would be made available to company employees again next summer, and that the township "could not expect to get the park until after another season."

Gollwitzer said he would prefer that the township take title to the lake and 101-acre park at the same time. The company has been

asked to draft a proposal for approval by the township board that would include date of transfer, legal description of the property and an agreement covering Edison Co. right-of-way for power lines crossing Belleville Lake.

"Until we get some kind of proposal from them, the board won't take any action," Gollwitzer said. He said it may take several months before the proposal is drawn up and that the transfer probably would take place about Sept. 1, 1973.

Township voters approved 2,993 to 1,418 an advisory proposition in November asking that the township accept Belleville Lake and Edison Pointe Park as a gift.

A proposal to accept the property along with a lake and park authority to operate it was turned down in May.

Attempts to place the issue on the November ballot were stalled temporarily because of opposition by Democratic

members of the township board who argued that the voters had already voiced their opinions, and that any future propositions should include some statement as to costs.

Approval of the transfer by the new all-Republican board is expected to be automatic after the terms of the agreement are spelled out by the Edison Co.

The lake was built by the Edison Co. in the 1920s, and later developed for use by its employees.

Heavy snowfall slows travelers

Funny thing about snow.

It's beautiful to watch from the living room window as it falls to the ground and gathers in sculptured drifts. It's fun to walk through if you have a warm pair of boots. It's fun to roll in and throw and mold into snowmen. It's fun to lie down in and make snow angels. But it isn't fun to drive in, and that's what bothered Ypsilanti area residents this morning as they tried to get to work through almost two and a half inches of the white stuff.

Roads were miserable in the city and the outlying areas as every police agency reported slippery and snow-covered roads. Of course this came as no surprise to anyone who conscientiously crawled out of bed,

school year, but were closed for two 1-day periods the previous year because of severe weather, he added.

The Saline and Milan police departments reported road conditions in their area were "terrible." Saline police reported they had received three accident reports so far this morning and their police cars were still trying to get to the accidents. Milan reported no accidents, but extremely hazardous conditions.

Both the Ford plant in Saline and the General Motors Willow Run Assembly Plant reported normal absenteeism although there was an unusual amount of tardiness.

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Belleville adds preci

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BELLEVILLE — Because of an increase in the number of registered voters, city council Monday night approved an ordinance adding a second precinct.

Precinct one will now encompass the area of the city lying north of Savage Road including the section of Savage Road where it becomes Columbia Avenue.

The second precinct will include the area of the city south of that line. Voting places for both precincts

will be at Belleville City Hall.

The number of voters in any one precinct is limited to 1,200. Belleville now has 1,500 registered voters.

In other business, council appointed Mayor Royce Smith as city tax assessor. Smith has completed requirements for a limited assessor's certificate, which will expire in June.

The council also authorized city attorney B. Ward Smith to draw up a revised garbage and rubbish ordinance to include a section outlawing the dumping of snow on city streets.

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